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Clinton reports progress with Syria

DAVID MAKOVSKY

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad privately agreed to unspecified proposals in a meeting yesterday with US President Bill Clinton in Damascus. As a result, an Israeli-Syrian breakthrough is "possible" within four to six months, a senior US official said last night.

The official said progress had been made on "more than one of the key issues" in peace negotiations between Syria and Israel.

However, Clinton last night said he "regrets" Assad did not publicly condemn terrorism, as the Syrian leader did privately at the close of their four-hour Damascus summit.

At a late-night press conference with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Jerusalem, Clinton said Syria had made progress yesterday that is "not insignificant." In his remarks earlier to the Knesset, Clinton said, "I believe something is changing in Syria."

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The senior official refused to divulge details to reporters, but insisted the US is satisfied that Syria is amenable to Clinton's main thrust, namely "accelerating" the current diplomatic efforts led by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

"I don't want to predict for you now that we'll get it done in four to six months," the official said. "I can tell you this: That if we hadn't had today, this process would have continued at a very slow pace, and it certainly would have taken a lot longer than four to six months ... Since July, we began to have slow narrowing of differences. Now we have a chance to accelerate that move."

However, senior US officials privately admitted they were disappointed by Assad's declining to use the public platform he had yesterday to improve the overall atmosphere between Israel and Syria. At the press conference last night, Rabin said he would not be deterred by Assad's refusal to condemn terrorism, saying Israel would proceed with negotiations.

Despite missed opportunities, US officials insisted that a careful reading of Assad's remarks demonstrated that he did nudge his public commitments to peace forward. For example, he said that Israelis, like Arabs, are entitled to "live in security, stability, and prosperity."

Assad seemed irritated when asked both about terrorism and reaching out to Israelis to convince them he is genuine about peace. Following deadly attacks in Israel during recent weeks and in light of Clinton's decision to be the first US president to visit Syria in 20 years, some US officials had hoped Assad would be more forthright in condemning terrorism.

Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Dennis DeConcini, who was chosen by Clinton to be one of three senators to accompany him to Damascus, told reporters just moments before Assad's remarks, "I don't want words, I want deeds." DeConcini noted Syrian support for Hizbullah in southern Lebanon and for the anti-Turkish PKK Kurdish rebels.

But Assad did not even provide the words the US was looking for. "The problem of terrorism is an accusation, allegation because of the conflict between us and Israel," Assad said. "This is a fact ... That's why this accusation went on for a very long time. And regardless of the desire of many people, both in Syria and in the United States, in different times to solve this problem, we did not reach until now such a solution."

Assad insisted the subject of terrorism was not discussed as a separate item on the agenda. However, Clinton was quick to point out that, in private talks, Assad condemned the Tel Aviv suicide bus-bombing just as he condemned the Hebron massacre earlier this year. In subsequent remarks to reporters on the plane here from Damascus, Christopher said his Syrian counterpart, Farouk Shara, confirmed that Assad had issued such a condemnation.

When asked by this correspondent how he would assure Israelis that withdrawal from the Golan Heights would mean genuine peace and not war, Assad appeared upset.

"There's nothing we have that proves our design for peace, except our saying that we want peace. And anyone who does not believe what we are saying, he would have no other way for peace. It would be him that does not want peace," Assad said.

He continued by saying no less than Rabin himself had said that Damascus "is serious about peace. So of whom is he afraid?"

In speaking to reporters after yesterday's talks, Christopher said Assad broke new ground by publicly calling for the "establishment of peaceful, normal relations with Israel in return for Israel's full withdrawal from the Golan to the line of June 4, 1967, and from the south of Lebanon."

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President Ezer Weizman escorts President Bill Clinton at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday. (Efraim Kilshtok)

Clinton to Knesset: There can be no peace without an end to terror

EVELYN GORDON

"WE must stand against terror as strongly as we stand for peace, for without an end to terror, there can be no peace," President Bill Clinton told the Knesset yesterday.

"So long as Jews are killed because they are Jews... the plague of antisemitism lives, and we must stand against it," he said. But fundamentalist terror is not religious, he added: "It is a worldwide war between those who believe in peace and those who believe in terror, those who believe in hope and those who believe in fear."

The terrorists, he continued, must not be allowed to achieve their goal of making Israel lose hope.

"Let us say to the merchants of terror: You cannot succeed, you will not succeed, you must not succeed. You are the past," he said. "The peacemakers are the future."

Clinton was addressing a packed hall, with almost every MK present. While some had threatened to boycott the session because of Clinton's refusal to tour the Old City with Mayor Ehud Olmert, none did.

The president opened by thanking the people of Israel for "welcoming me to your wonderful country, where people of all views are welcome to express their convictions. I feel right at home," he said, drawing laughter.

He then praised Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for his peacemaking efforts. "You devoted your life to cultivating strength so that others could cultivate the soil in safety," he said. "Now, in your strength, you are cultivating peace."

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Clinton cancels Old City visit at last minute

Hillary Clinton puts note in Western Wall

BILL HUTMAN and LAMIA LAHOUD

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton canceled his visit to the Old City and Temple Mount at the last minute last night. The planned visit had sparked strong reactions from both Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert had said such a visit could proceed only if he accompanied Clinton. Palestinian leaders, led by Faisal Husseini insisted that the Old City is in "occupied territory" and only a Palestinian should accompany the American president.

Yesterday afternoon, an official from Clinton's entourage called Olmert to cancel the visit.

Clinton's spokeswoman Dee Dee Meyers told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the president was too tired to make the tour, due to his exhaustive schedule. Instead, Hillary Clinton went alone for a short visit to the Western Wall, accompanied by Olmert.

"The big loser is the person who did not go," Olmert said afterwards. He said the local Palestinian leadership had rejected the compromise proposal by which the mayor would not have entered the mosques on the Temple Mount.

"In my opinion, the cancellation was not because of us, but as a result of a dispute between Hussein and Arafat over Jerusalem," Olmert said. "Even if I hadn't insisted on going, I doubt President Clinton would have gone through with the visit," he said.

Husseini said that the doors to the Aksa Mosque would have remain locked for Clinton had Olmert insisted on accompanying the president. "The Moslem holy places are not Israeli territory, they are part of the occupied territories," said Husseini.

Husseini said the Americans had contacted the Palestinians to say the visit to the Old City was canceled because Clinton had been delayed in Damascus and would not find the time to tour.

Husseini said he believed the Americans realized that the issue of Jerusalem was very sensitive and decided to cancel the tour so as not to cause problems.

Hillary Clinton went to the Western Wall immediately after returning to the capital from Ben-Gurion Airport. Her limousine drove up just meters from the women's section, and accompanied by Aliza Olmert, the mayor's wife, she walked up to the wall and placed a note in it.

"We talked a lot about the Clintons' previous visit to Jerusalem," Ehud Olmert said. "But she did not say anything related to the political status of Jerusalem. She is too smart for that."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in his speech to the Knesset last night in Clinton's presence, referred to the issue of Jerusalem.

"Welcome to the eternal capital of the state of Israel and the heart of the Jewish people," he began.

"The overwhelming majority of the people of Israel sees Jerusalem as the capital of Israel under Israeli sovereignty. Jerusalem is not a matter for negotiation. It is not a subject for bargaining," he said.

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu backed up Rabin, saying Israel must "hold on to our eternal capital Jerusalem, in all its parts [and] not weaken it."

David Makovsky contributed to this report.

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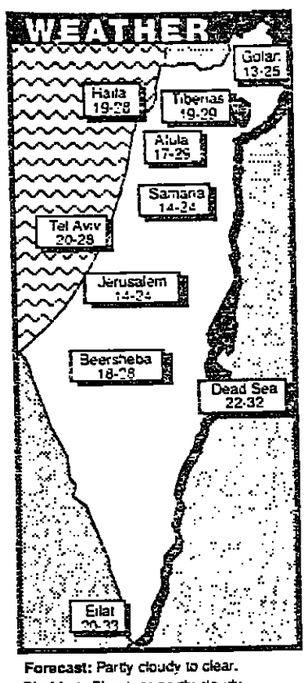
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House Speaker Shevah Weiss applauds US President Clinton in the Knesset last night while President Weizman looks on. (Harari/Stein)

Clinton charms Knesset

Quotes his pastor: 'If you abandon Israel, God will never forgive you'

HERB KEINON

THE Knesset, whose dignity and decorum are often compared to that of the Mahane Yehuda market, turned cathedral-like last night for President Bill Clinton.

As Clinton spoke, there were no notes passed, no words exchanged, and no catcalls hurled from the back benches.

Even Moledet's Yosef Ba-Gad repressed what must have been an overpowering urge to shout something. Moledet's Rehavam Ze'evi could not contain himself, and – as Clinton was being introduced – shouted out a question about Jonathan Pollard. But for the most part, the Knesset – full to the brim – looked and acted like a parliament.

And Clinton looked and acted like a president, a president with a deep feeling for Israel. Clinton had just the right intonation, and his speech included just the right lines to touch an emotional chord and generate applause. Indeed, his address was interrupted by applause eight times.

"Let us say to the merchants of terror, you cannot succeed, you will not succeed, you must not succeed," Clinton said, repeating a Kennedy-esque line used in his address Wednesday night to the Jordanian parliament. "You are the past, not the future. The peacemakers are the future."

Clinton revealed the most about his deep feelings for this country when he referred to words his pastor once told him. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin apparently surprised Clinton by alluding to those words – that Clinton should always stand by Israel – when he addressed the Knesset, but Clinton said Rabin was not blunt enough.

"If you abandon Israel, God will never forgive you," Clinton quoted his pastor, to strong applause from the house. "He said that it is God's will that Israel, the biblical home of the the people of Israel, will continue forever and ever."

Another point in the speech where the plenum was visibly moved was when Clinton addressed the parents of slain soldier Sgt. Nahshon Wachsman, who were sitting in the first row of the balcony. He referred to their son as "a son of your nation and, I am proud to say, a citizen of our own."

Clinton's presence also elicited a degree of graciousness not often seen in the Knesset. The graciousness was evident when opposition MKs shook Rabin's hand after he delivered his speech; when Binyamin Netanyahu praised Rabin from the podium for the peace agreement with Jordan, and when Netanyahu was applauded by the cabinet ministers at the conclusion of his address.

Prior to the special Knesset session, the streets leading to the Knesset were empty of anyone not in uniform. The hundreds of policemen, the ever-present blue flashing light from police cars, and the hum of a helicopter overhead gave the distinct feeling that the parliament was under siege, a siege that was lifted only a few hours later.

Face to face with Assad

DAVID MAKOVSKY

DAMASCUS

YESTERDAY was my second trip to Damascus in the last few months, but my first to Syrian President Hafez Assad's palace. I went to Damascus at the initiative of a senior White House official, who assured me the Syrians had agreed to admit me to the press conference Assad gave with President Bill Clinton.

In January, when the two met in Geneva and also held a news conference, Syria refused to allow anyone from the Israeli media to attend, and the Clinton administration was roundly criticized for acquiescing to this demand.

While Syria refuses to permit someone with only an Israeli passport to enter the country, Secretary of State Warren Christopher personally intervened on my behalf, explaining that I am a dual US-Israeli citizen and write for both *The Jerusalem Post* and a US newsweekly.

My being able to question Assad directly at a press conference was, I believe, a first for an Israeli reporter.

A senior Clinton administration official said, "Assad knew you worked for an Israeli publication and were going to ask him a question."

But if Assad was prepared, he did not show it. He was visibly upset when I noted his failure to act more constructively and thereby reach out to the Israeli people. With his record, I asked how he could persuade Israelis that they would be safer without the Golan Heights than with them.

Assad looked a bit gaunt, but not fatigued. He greeted Clinton on the tarmac of Damascus International Airport yesterday, and spoke with Clinton for some four hours.

The Sha'ab (People's) Palace is as imposing on the inside as it is viewed from the outside, a mammoth structure standing on Jebel Mazeh, a hill overlooking Damascus. Though he has railed against Gulf sheikhs for their lavish life-styles, this palace strongly resembles the Gulf leaders' own palatial structures.

Modern in style, the white marble structure, completed four years ago, sits at the center of a green compound standing on an otherwise barren hill. Passing a fountain upon entering, one then goes into a high-ceilinged entry hall that is longer than a football field. A single red carpet on a polished marble floor is the only sign of color in the hall, which extends to another fountain on the other side.

Two huge halls had been designated for the press conference and press center. There were no pictures on any of the walls.

This palace named for the people is apparently unfamiliar even to the Syrian elite. US officials relayed that their Syrian counterparts were unfamiliar with the meeting rooms in which Assad hosted Clinton yesterday. Syrian journalists who cover Assad said yesterday was the first time they had seen the palace since it was completed. Normally, they said, Assad holds meetings at his two more modest palaces, the Tishrin and the Al-Mohajureen, which are in the city itself. Officials insisted Assad actually sleeps at a fourth site.

The journalists noted that more than just the site was new to them; they were also barely familiar with the press conference format. Assad, they said, usually holds only about one press conference a year in Damascus, when Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak comes to town.

It was clear that Assad is also uncomfortable with the format, perhaps because he is not used to having some of his basic assumptions publicly challenged. On the issue of peace with Israel, he seems to think that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is the only person he needs to convince of his sincerity. But Assad will learn that he also needs to convince the Israeli public, especially as Rabin has committed himself to holding a national referendum on any peace agreement with Syria.

Damascus will need to open the door wider, so Israeli journalists can freely report their impressions, as well as question Syrian leaders. Public debate may be messy, but it is the only way to achieve a peace treaty Israelis can accept.

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In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, queen of hearts, king of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

PROGRESS

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While the focus of US-led diplomacy for the past year has been on a Golan withdrawal for peace, US officials insisted that – at least until yesterday – Syria's public posture was that normalization can only come about after Israel yields all of the territories to the Palestinians.

Officials also noted that Assad was somewhat more explicit about peace than he was during the Geneva meeting between the two leaders earlier this year, as he said there need to be normal relations "with Israel."

Apart from the substance of their meeting, Clinton seemed to signal that Damascus should know that many aspects of the US-Syrian relationship depend on whether the peace process succeeds or fails.

Apart from bringing DeConcini along with him to Damascus, Clinton brought two other Senate leaders: Claiborne Pell (D-RI), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Patrick Leahy (D-VT).

CLINTON

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Clinton also stressed the close ties between Israel and America, noting that "every president and every Congress" has recognized Israel's importance – not only because of shared interests, "but [because of] every single value we hold dear as people.

"Even without the blessings of secure borders, you have secured for your people the blessings of democracy," he said.

Now America's goal is "to help you minimize the risks of peace," he said. "That peace must be real... it must be secure... and it must be comprehensive."

"We have worked hard [to combat the Arab boycott], and we will not stop until it is completely eliminated," the president continued, drawing one of the frequent bursts of applause that punctuated his speech.

He was also applauded when he praised the parents of Nahshon Wachsman and Nir Poraz for attending the ceremony, despite their grief, terming Wachsman "a son of your nation, and, I proudly say, a citizen of ours."

Clinton also spoke of his visit to Syria.

"Syria has made a strategic choice for peace with Israel," he said. "[President Hafez Assad's] hope, as he articulated it, is to transform the region from a state of war to a state of peace that will allow both Arabs and Jews to live in security.

"Something has changed in Syria," he said. "Its leaders understand it is time to make peace. It will take time to make a breakthrough, but they are serious about proceeding.

"We will walk with you on the road to peace with Damascus," Clinton said.

"Despite all the dangers... that still surround you," he continued, "the circle of your enemies is decreasing... you are far closer to the day when all the children of Abraham, the children of Isaac and the children of Ishmael, will live side by side in peace."

"It is the God's will that Israel, the biblical home of the people of Israel, continue forever and ever," Clinton concluded to thunderous applause, which turned into a standing ovation with his next sentence. "Until we achieve a comprehensive peace in the Middle East, and after we achieve a comprehensive peace in the Middle East, your journey is our journey, and America will stand with you – now and always."

Rabin, who spoke immediately after welcoming address by Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss, spoke warmly of the Israeli people's gratitude to America and to Clinton personally, for their help in achieving peace with Jordan.

"We are certain that we will also, this time as always, find your country and you helping us and Jordan to nurture this peace," he said. "And in our journey towards peace with the Palestinians, the Jordanians, the Syrians and the Lebanese, we know that you and your great people are our partners... We know that you will not disappoint us."

He then called on Clinton to make the war against terrorism, and particularly Iran, a high priority.

"Islamic terror... also threatens the peace of your country, Mr. President, and also the peace of the world. Iran is leading this terror, and it is incumbent upon you, and upon the Congress, and upon the American people, to stand at the head of the fight against terror."

Rabin was followed by Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu, who also thanked Clinton for his "consistent support and friendship to the State of Israel."

"This house stands united in its fervent desire for peace," he said, breaking into English for this statement, though most of his speech, like Rabin's and Weiss's, was in Hebrew. "Let no one question the depth of this sentiment across the aisles of the Knesset... [But] what we seek today is a peace that will endure beyond the ceremonies of yesterday, and yes, beyond the ceremonies of tomorrow.

"Some peace agreements have pushed back danger and war; other peace agreements ushered in the most horrific of tragedies," he continued. "It is therefore our supreme responsibility to distinguish between a genuine peace and a bogus one."

He then explained why he considered the Jordanian agreement good and the one with the PLO bad.

"Our demand [for the Golan Heights] is no less insistent, and far more justified [than Assad's]," he said. "The time has come for the aggressor to pay for his aggression, and not his victims."

Clinton sidesteps two-headed mufti

JON IMMANUEL

IT'S just as well President Clinton ditched a late night visit to the Old City of Jerusalem. If Mayor Ehud Olmert had led him without incident through the labyrinth of dark alleys, the two-headed mufti would have stopped him at the gate to the Haram a-Sharif.

Olmert insisted on accompanying Clinton even though two previous presidents, Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter, visited the Old City without then-mayor Teddy Kollek.

But Olmert's position was not the only obstacle. Clinton would also have faced a choice of muftis. One, Sheikh Abdul-Qadder Abdeen, was appointed in the traditional way by King Hussein, Israel's new peace partner.

The other, Sheikh Ikrimeh Sabri, appointed by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, said, "If President Clinton decides to visit with any Israeli official, we will not receive him."

If Clinton had chosen one over the other, he would have offended either Hussein or Arafat.

"Peace treaty or not, King Hussein is neither the religious nor the political guardian in Jerusalem," Sabri said.

If the president, bred on the idea of a separate church and state, thought he could settle the issue by being accompanied to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher by a Christian clergyman approved neither by Jordan nor the Palestinian Authority, he might have been warned that was not possible, either.

"Israel wants to divide Jerusalem into two parts, but there is nothing in Islamic law about separating Jerusalem religiously and politically," Sabri said.

Olmert, interviewed on Israel TV's Channel One after Clinton's Knesset speech, maintained that Clinton had been ready to go to the Old City with him until he learned of the dispute between the PLO and Jordanian-appointed muftis. For Olmert, there was no problem in choosing. "The peace agreement says we recognize the priority of Jordan. The Wakf which I work with is the Jordanian one," Olmert said.

Sabri, who as mufti is now the final arbiter of religious law, is an impeccably groomed, soft-spoken man whose looks belie his 54 years. He was a Jordanian-appointed speaker of Al-Aksa Mosque until two weeks ago. Now he sits with an entourage in the mufti's spacious offices set up a flight of steps beside the alley leading to the great wooden gates guarding one entrance to the mount.

Abdeen, 66, appointed mufti by King Hussein, has been forced into a small office next door to the Al-Aksa Mosque where no one visits him. He is a luckless victim of both the PLO's and Hussein's treaties with Israel.

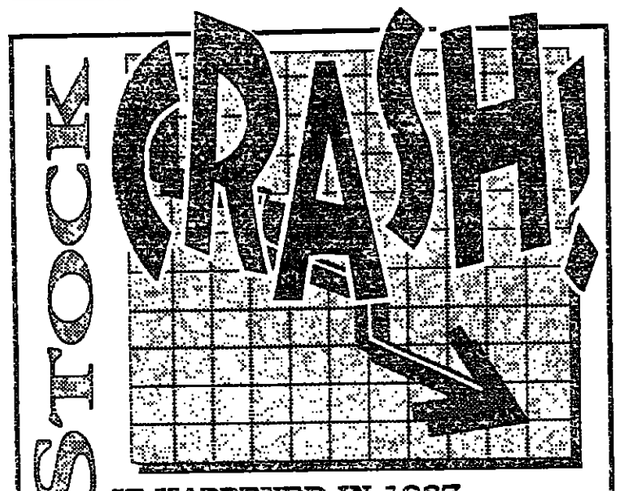
In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Sabri argued that "King Hussein was the guardian before there was a Palestinian national authority. Now that we have an authority, not just in Gaza and Jericho but in all Palestinian territories, he has neither political nor religious authority."

This is not a literal interpretation of the Declaration of Principles between Israel and the PLO, and it goes further than statements that the unofficial Palestinian Authority spokesman on Jerusalem, Faisal Husseini, has allowed himself to make.

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Hillary Clinton listens to an explanation by Western Wall Rabbi Yehuda Getz yesterday as Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, her escort on a brief visit to the Old City, looks on. (Stein/ Harari)

Hillary Clinton: US will stand by Israel

BATSHEVA TSUR

NOW that the ceremonies are over, "the real work of peace" will fall on the citizens of the countries of the region, Hillary Rodham Clinton said yesterday.

But, she added, the US can always be counted on to stand by Israel.

She was speaking at a festive luncheon hosted in her honor by Reuma Weizman, wife of the president, and Leah Rabin, wife of the prime minister, at Jerusalem's Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel. The luncheon took place before President Bill Clinton arrived from Damascus, where he traveled without his wife. Mrs. Clinton arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport from Amman at 10 a.m.

More than 150 guests attended, including Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, Knesset members, Ambassador to Washington Itamar Rabinovich, and many US officials.

Recalling her first visit here with her husband in 1982, Clinton said it had instilled in them "a deep and abiding commitment ... to sustain Israel, because of what it stands for ... In the past 20 months we have watched the brave and courageous steps not only by your leaders but, in thousands of ways, by every citizen."

But from now on, she continued, it is the ordinary citizens of Israel and Jordan who will have to cope with the real work of peace – while the US will continue to stand by their side.

"We want to do all we can to support the normalcy of peace," she said, adding that her husband is aware the US will have to remain vigilant in the face of terrorism.

Welcoming her guest, Reuma Weizman said she is full of admiration not only for the steps taken by the president in the peace process, but also for Hillary Clinton's work towards improving health and social standards in the US.

"You will therefore understand well many of the social and economic problems Israel is facing," Weizman said. "To mention just one, the absorption of half a million immigrants in the past five years.

"We are trying to create a new reality," Weizman said. "You and your husband have contributed greatly to this. Please come again."

Leah Rabin noted that, "In the peace process, we have been blessed to witness together some very important moments and milestones. We appreciate your continued support and help," she told Clinton, adding that it was impossible to "get our act together in the Middle East without America, our Big Brother. We will forever be grateful to you."

Both hostesses had a surprise in store. The previous day had been Hillary Clinton's birthday, they said, and Reuma Weizman pointed out that, according to American time, it still was. The crowd began singing "Happy Birthday" and the gifts were pulled out.

Weizman said later that, in Akaba, Hillary had said she got the best birthday present of her life – the peace treaty. To this, President Clinton had replied: "I wonder what she thinks I'll give her next year."

Raising a toast at a reception after lunch in the adjoining ballroom, Clinton thanked the staff of the US Embassy for their efforts and did not fail to mention the "more than 50,000 American citizens who live here and contribute daily to the strength and vitality of this country."

As Clinton was being whisked to the limousine waiting to take her and Reuma Weizman to the airport welcoming ceremony, NBC's Connie Chung made a dash for the car, apparently to greet Clinton personally. In a split second, several secret servicemen had grabbed her. The limousine pulled away with the ladies waving regally to the crowd outside.

Honor guard, red carpet for Clinton at B-G airport

ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

THE mood was as sunny and clear as the weather as President Bill Clinton descended from Air Force One yesterday afternoon to the red carpet on the tarmac at Ben-Gurion airport.

The US president was greeted by a full honor guard, as well as by President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and their wives, who he had seen less than 24 hours earlier at the ceremonial signing of the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan.

Clinton looked far more relaxed than he had appeared earlier in Damascus, during his press conference with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

The couple worked their way down a line of dignitaries that had been waiting nearly an hour for their arrival, stopping to exchange words with cabinet members, religious leaders, and members of the opposition.

Clinton was accompanied by Secretary of State Warren Christopher and other members of his administration, and by congressional leaders, including Senator Claiborne Pell and Senator Patrick Leahy.

In his official remarks, President Weizman noted the longstanding support Israel had enjoyed from the US and its presidents, and said that he hoped Clinton would continue to carry on the tradition of helping push the Middle East towards peace.

"We hope you are bringing good news with us from Damascus," he said. "But if not, we have patience."

Noting Clinton's exhausting itinerary, from Cairo to Ammany to Damascus to Israel, and on to the Persian Gulf, Weizman said, "You must be a strong man, Mr. President."

In his response to Weizman's greeting, Clinton said he is "inspired by Israel's long struggle to survive" and that he hoped that "we stand on the threshold of a new age of security."

Thousands flock to capital streets to get a glimpse of Clinton

BILL HUTMAN

THOUSANDS of people lined Jerusalem's streets yesterday to welcome President Bill Clinton to the capital.

"He's a great man," said Ami Gross, 41. "I'm here to show thanks to Clinton for all that he has done for peace."

Hundreds stood atop the Harel Bridge as the Clinton motorcade passed just before 5 p.m. The route Clinton's motorcade took, from the entrance of the city to the King David Hotel, was lined with people. Police estimated the crowd at about 15,000.

Clinton waved from his limousine window at those that stood along the route. At the hotel, the president shook hands and exchanged greetings with residents and visitors. "We're on vacation, but we live in California and have never had a chance to see Clinton before," said Betsy Miller, 59, outside the hotel.

Thousands of haredim lined the streets at the city entrance, which borders on several haredi neighborhoods. A young boy and girl waved a large American flag.

Police said there were over a hundred vehicles in the motorcade, which took some 30 minutes to arrive in the city from Ben-Gurion Airport, secured by helicopters.

The visit created some traffic back-ups in Jerusalem but, overall, few vehicles traveled on the city's streets yesterday afternoon, as residents heeded calls not to drive because of the road closings caused by the Clinton visit.

Many city roads are to be shut down this morning, until the Clinton entourage leaves the city. He is first due to have breakfast at Beit Hanassi with President Weizman, where he will be greeted by 1,500 local schoolchildren. He is then to visit Yad Vashem after which he will leave the country.

'A menu worthy of the occasion'

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE guest list for the luncheon given by Reuma Weizman and Lea Rabin for Hillary Clinton included 100 invitees at the beginning of the week, but by lunch it had grown to 170 and Holiday Inn executive chef Jacques Azulai prepared 200 meals, just in case.

Azulai, the chef at the Tel Aviv Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, was brought in specially to the Jerusalem branch for the luncheon and the reception which followed it. Some 500 were originally invited for the latter event, but the guest list grew to 700 and the kitchen made food for 900.

The salad, which was the first course of the luncheon, had five kinds of lettuce, including endive, arugula and radicchio. It was topped with baby zucchini, marinated in a garlic and ginger sauce.

"For the dressing, I am using sesame oil and olive oil, mixed with mustard and wine vinegar," Azulai said.

He explained that it was a problem to choose a menu worthy of the occasion, but which would fit into a tight schedule. The meal was set to last exactly 40 minutes. In addition, he said, he took into consideration the fact that it was an event for women.

"If it were for men, the menu would probably be different. Women are more conscious of health and diet and vegetarian cooking. Also men are able to eat more," Azulai said.

Both Reuma Weizman and Lea Rabin participated in the discussions concerning the menu, as did aides to Hillary Clinton.

"Lea Rabin called me at least 10 times in the last four days," he said.

The planners stipulated that they wanted neither beef nor fish. The main course was thus grilled marinated breast of baby chicken, with slivers of ginger and garlic under the skin of the chicken, sitting on a sauce made with soy sauce, saki, wine, ginger and garlic, with minced vegetables. Complementing the chicken was a pyramid of wild rice and fresh asparagus.

Dessert was lemon and ginger mousse, served with a fresh strawberry sauce.

Meanwhile, the women at the reception did not go hungry. At the same time preparations for the luncheon were proceeding, other chefs were laying out platters of hors d'oeuvres with such goodies as goose liver pate, smoked salmon, stuffed mushrooms, quails' eggs, and red caviar.

Following the reception, Clinton dedicated a new suite on the hotel's 20th floor, to be known as the Little Rock Suite.

Hillary greets grads of her alma mater

FAYE BITTKER

HILLARY Rodham Clinton may not have wanted to give her age at the press conference yesterday, but Wellesley Club members attending the reception for Americans living in Israel knew she was Class of 1969.

Ten members of the local club attended the afternoon reception given in the First Lady's honor and presented her with Yehuda Amichai's *Poems of Jerusalem*, David Kroyanker's newest book, *Jerusalem Architecture*, and a brief on Palestinian-Jewish dialogue groups in Jerusalem.

"She is a wonderful role model," said Susan Sobel-Kishon, who decided to wait for Rodham Clinton even if it meant risking her car being towed.

The First Lady was equally enthusiastic to find Wellesley alumnae in Israel. "How wonderful that you are here," she said, and quickly arranged for a group photo to be taken.

ITV to show live coverage of Clinton this morning

ITV's Channel 1 will broadcast live coverage of President Clinton's visit today from 7 a.m. until his departure approximately three hours later.

The coverage will include the presidential breakfast at Beit Hanassi, Clinton's visit to Yad Vashem and the parting ceremony at the airport.

The special broadcast will include interviews with those who worked behind the scenes, including the First Lady's hair stylists and hotel chefs.

As soon as the visit is over, ITV will begin broadcasts of the economic conference in Casablanca. The Friday night news magazine will include broadcasts by ITV crews in Morocco.

Radio 2 will broadcast from the conference during its 10 a.m. news magazine program. *Liat Collins*

MIA's parents appeal to first lady

YONA and Miriam Baumel, parents of missing soldier Zecharia Baumel, yesterday presented Hillary Clinton with a silver copy of their son's military ID tag.

Half of the original metal disc had been given to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in December 1993. At the time, Arafat had promised to provide additional information on Baumel and the two soldiers listed as missing with him in the battle of Sultan Yakub, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz. The battle took place in Lebanon on June 11, 1982.

"Half the dog-tag is half the story," Yona Baumel said. "We know that Arafat and [Syrian President Hafez] Assad have information about our son and the other MIAs. Receiving such information should be one of the conditions for holding future peace talks."

Explaining the presentation of the copy of his son's dog-tag to Clinton, Baumel said: "This dignified memento will remind her of the fact that there is still an American citizen being held captive in the Middle East. There can be no genuine peace until all our soldiers return home."

Zecharia Baumel holds joint American and Israeli citizenship.

The Baumels said they appealed to Hillary Clinton as a mother and hope she will use her influence with the president to get him to act on the missing soldiers' behalf.

A second dog-tag was also presented to the wife of the president, engraved with the names of all six MIAs: Rahamim Elsheikh, Yosef Fink, Zecharia Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Yehuda Katz, and Ron Arad. (Itim)

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Golan residents protest Clinton's meeting with Assad

DAVID RUDGE

A COFFIN draped in an American flag figured prominently in a demonstration by hundreds of Golan residents at the Hispin junction yesterday to protest the meeting in Damascus between US President Bill Clinton and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

"We don't want US soldiers to go home in coffins," read one of the placards borne by the demonstrators, in a reference to Secretary of State Warren Christopher's pledge to put US troops on the Golan Heights in the event of a peace treaty between Israel and Syria.

A wrecked car marked "deportation" was set alight near the junction, while demonstrators blocked the path of a tractor with a trailer "transferring" Jewish residents of the Golan to other parts of the country.

Michael Ben-Horin, one of the demonstration's organizers, said the aim of the protest was to show that residents of the Golan would not budge from their homes.

Ben-Horin said Syria was home to some of the leading terrorist organizations in the world and was one of the major sources of drugs, especially from the Syrian-controlled regions of Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

"It is a crying shame that the leader of the world's greatest democracy should go and visit the leader of one of the most undemocratic countries in the world," said Ben-Horin.

"We wanted to show in this demonstration today that the Golan is not for sale or for barter, and that only we in Israel have the right to decide what will happen," he said. "Syria has to accept that the Golan is and will always remain an integral part of Israel and this has to be the basis for real and lasting peace – the peace of the brave."

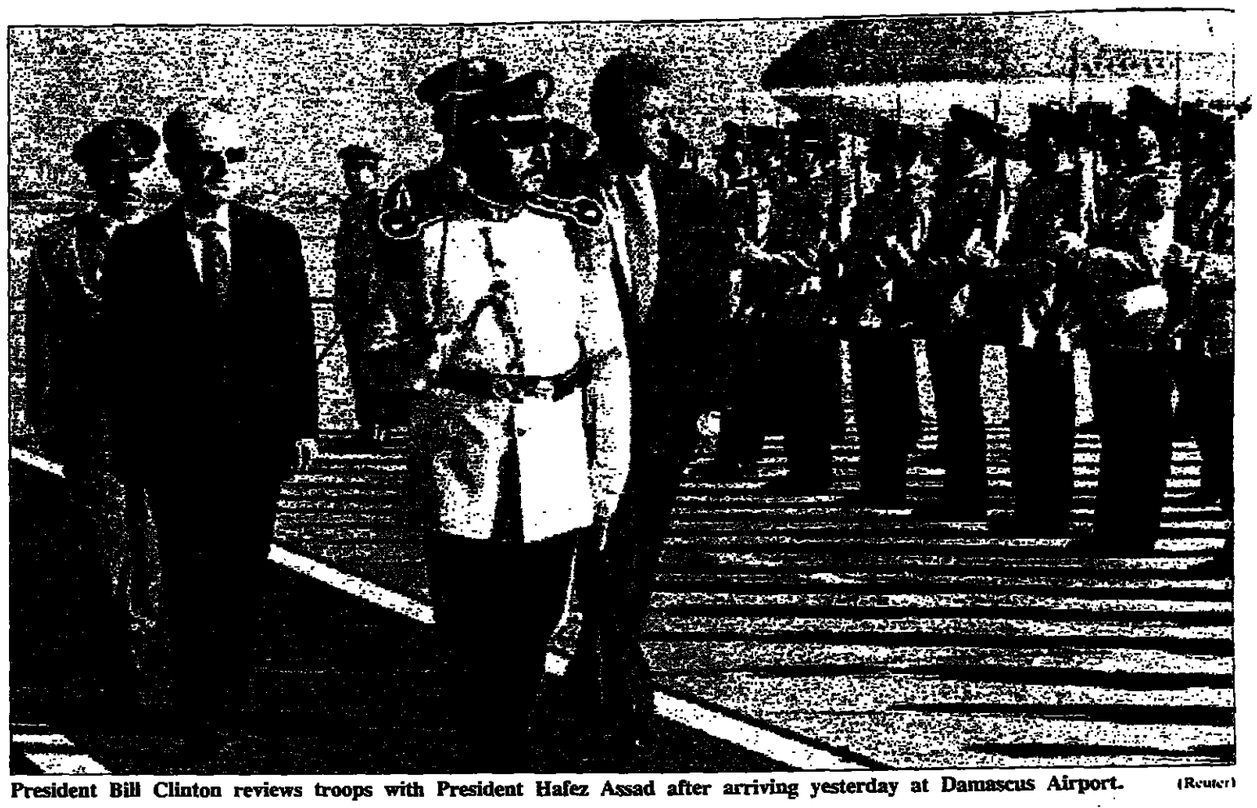
The Golan Residents Committee, which did not participate in the demonstration, nevertheless issued a strong condemnation of Assad's comments during his press conference with Clinton in Damascus.

Committee spokesman Uri Heitner said Assad's uncompromising and extremist stance was further proof that the government's policies of concession had failed.

"Only continued Israeli presence and settlements on the Golan can bring about real peace. Israel has to propose to Assad a peace of the brave, based on the existing borders," said Heitner.

Another member of the residents committee, Marla Van Meter, from Kibbutz Afek on the southern reaches of the Golan, said they would be sending a delegation to America next month to meet with leaders of Jewish communities there, as well as with senators and congressmen opposed to concessions to Syria.

She said the aim was to make Americans aware of the fact that the US would be directly involved in any peace treaty between Syria and Israel and that American taxpayers would probably have to foot the bill for any changes that might occur on the Golan.



President Bill Clinton reviews troops with President Hafez Assad after arriving yesterday at Damascus Airport. (Reuter)

IDF, SLA on alert along northern border

DAVID RUDGE

A TENSE quiet reigned along the northern border and in south Lebanon yesterday following the mortar attack on the Galilee panhandle yesterday, minutes before the signing of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty in the Arava.

IDF and South Lebanese Army troops were on full alert in case of any further attacks, although the only incident reported yesterday was confined to the zone itself.

Several mortars and some Katyusha rockets were fired at IDF and SLA positions in the Ali Tahr hills in the central sector of the zone in the morning.

There were no casualties among the troops manning the outposts and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire. Hizbullah's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, claimed responsibility for that attack.

Elements of Hizbullah or its ally the Believers Resistance were believed to have been responsible for the unexpected mortar attack on the Galilee panhandle on Wednesday.

The attack came as a surprise in view of Syria's efforts to curb Hizbullah's activities, at least for the duration of US President Bill Clinton's visit to the region.

During Hizbullah-organized demonstrations in Beirut Wednesday against the Jordan-Israel peace accord, some protesters shouted that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and King Hussein would eventually suffer the same fate as former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

For residents of Kiryat Shmona, however, the mortar attack on Wednesday was more than just a disruption of the peace signing ceremony in the Arava.

"I don't care about myself but the people are fed up with these attacks and want to feel secure in their own homes," said Kiryat Shmona Mayor Prosper Azran.

Azran charged that the government was not doing enough to stop the attacks on the Galilee following the incident on Wednesday and those over the weekend in which several Katyusha rockets and mortar rounds were fired at different parts of the region.

"I don't mind how the government ensures peace and quiet for our residents, either through peace moves or by adopting other measures that are thought best. This situation simply has to stop," he said.

Azran maintained that the security situation was preventing potential investors from starting new industries and businesses in the town. He called on the government to give Kiryat Shmona national priority development status.

Hussein calls Netanyahu to thank opposition for supporting treaty

SARAH HONIG

JORDAN'S King Hussein spoke to Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday morning to express appreciation for the broad support the peace treaty with his country has received, including from Israel's opposition.

The call was made at the king's initiative and came to the Knesset switchboard, which relayed it to Netanyahu's home.

First to speak to Netanyahu was Crown Prince Hassan who then handed the phone to his brother, King Hussein. Netanyahu and Prince Hassan have met privately in the past in London.

The Jordanian king said he was gratified that the peace agreement with his country enjoyed such overwhelming support, including in the Likud. He expressed the hope that he and Netanyahu would soon meet.

Netanyahu replied that it was clear that the king's peace message at Wednesday's treaty-signing ceremony came from the heart and that it therefore went into the hearts of the Israeli public, who realize that this peace is sincerely meant.

Netanyahu described his conversation with the king as "very warm, and the fact that it was a phone call that came from Jordan at the king's initiative underscores the difference between this agreement and the one with the PLO, and why we support the treaty with Jordan but oppose the sort of deal that was struck with Yasser Arafat.

"Jordan obviously wants to coexist with us side by side for the betterment of the lot of both our peoples," he said. "The PLO still wants to replace us here."

Gaza journalist, brother arrested

JON IMMANUEL

POLICE arrested a prominent Gazan journalist and his brother Wednesday night.

Taher Shriteh, Reuters correspondent in Gaza, and publisher of the new weekly *Filastin* newspaper, was arrested "together with his brother Amer who works for CBS," a neighbor said. "Twenty policemen came here and took him away," the neighbor said from Shriteh's home. "but police have given no explanation to the family."

Police sources said Shriteh was being questioned about his connections with Hamas. He has been arrested in the past by both Israeli and Palestinian authorities on suspicion of working with Hamas, but was always released within days.

He was last arrested for four days of questioning after a Reuters cameraman filmed a masked man in Gaza reading the Hamas ransom demand for the release of Sgt. Nahshon Wachsman.

In Nablus yesterday, three Palestinians were slightly wounded when soldiers fired rubber bullets at stone-throwing youths in Clock Square in Nablus. The protesters were continuing Wednesdays's protests against the Israel-Jordan treaty. There were no reports of clashes elsewhere in the territories.

Jordanian girl asks Rabin's help for transplant

JUDY SIEGEL

A 12-YEAR-OLD Jordanian girl suffering from severe aplastic anemia sent a fax to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday, appealing for help in getting a bone-marrow transplant in Israel.

The fax, also received at the national bone-marrow transplant center at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, was a desperate appeal by Heba Rushdi Shaban of Zarka. She noted that Jordanian doctors are unable to help her, and that the only patient to have undergone a bone-marrow transplant in her country died soon after.

"So, by the name of God, I am writing to you as a prime minister of Israel and as a father of children to help by saving my life from death," she wrote. The necessary treatment, she said, is available only in Israel, Europe and North America.

A cover letter from her father, Rushdi Shaban, gives her tissue type in detail. He said the family has run out of money because of expensive treatments they have paid for in Jordan, but without success.

Hadassah doctors sent a return message, saying they would be glad to treat her as soon as possible if the "relevant authorities on both sides of the Jordan River give their approval."

Aplastic anemia is a blood defect in which the bone marrow can no longer produce blood cells; it is a genetic disorder that is frequently found in Mediterranean populations. Heba's father contacted the Caitlin Raymond International Registry of Bone Marrow Donor Banks in Massachusetts, which said a number of potential marrow donors with matching types lived in Israel, Europe and North America.

FPA, ITV tangle over fees for TV coverage of signing, Clinton visit

LIAT COLLINS

THE Foreign Press Association is complaining about the price of broadcasting peace.

In a statement released yesterday, FPA Chairman Conny Mus said: "The FPA strongly protests the unprofessional behavior of Israel Television wishing to make an ugly million dollar business out of the historical events that have been taking place in the State of Israel in the past few days.

"Out of the blue, Israel Television announced that they were charging $6,000 to anyone who wanted to use their 'pool' pictures, including [those of] President Clinton's visit in Jerusalem." He advised members not to pay, and condemned ITV's "trying to make business while the foreign networks try to cover the events."

In response, Israel Broadcasting Authority spokesman Zvi Lidar said the IBA offered free coverage of the Arava signing ceremony and Clinton's visit to scores of television stations in the European Broadcasting Union and those companies with which the IBA has contractual relations, including Reuters, CNN and CBS.

In addition there was a "pool" of American broadcasting authorities which also received free services. "The IBA is not obliged to supply free services to broadcasting authorities with which it has no agreements whatsoever," Lidar said.

Egyptians feel left out of the celebration

STEVE RODAN

TABA

ISSAN Abdu asserts he is the first to say he loves peace. But when the ceremony of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty signing blared from the television outside Abdu's office, he was not watching.

"I wanted to watch it," Abdu, a hotel executive in Sinai, says with an apologetic tone. "I just had too many things to do."

Abdu was not alone. Many Egyptians agree that with their country being the first to sign a peace treaty with Israel, they had long sought for other Arab countries to do the same. But when Jordan took the plunge, Egyptians preferred to watch quietly from the side.

"This is mostly viewed as another step in the peace process and not as something special," says Steve Negus, a senior correspondent at the Cairo-based *Middle East Times*. "They feel they have no particular self-interest in the Jordan-Israel signing."

If anything, the Egyptian government feels left out. US President Bill Clinton's high-profile visit to Damascus has made his brief stopover in Cairo the day before seem an afterthought.

Clinton did visit the memorial to slain president Anwar Sadat, but the gesture was shrugged off by those who expected a greater demonstration of US support for the regime of President Hosni Mubarak. Some Egyptian analysts pointed to the contrast of Clinton's low-profile visit to the festive 1974 arrival of Richard Nixon, the last US president to visit Egypt.

Western diplomats were not surprised by Mubarak's decision not to attend the treaty signing. Some of them said Mubarak might have broken his self-imposed ban on visiting Israel had he been invited to take Clinton's place as the official witness to the signing.

Egyptian government sources say they expect a significant US reward if and when Syria and Israel attain peace. Unlike its strained relations with Jordan, Egypt has for years enjoyed excellent ties with Syria and has promoted a Syrian-Israeli conciliation.

European Parliament condemns TA bombing

STRASBOURG (Reuter) – The European Parliament yesterday condemned last week's Tel Aviv bus attack, calling it an "arbitrary attack" on Israeli citizens.

In a resolution submitted by several political groups, the parliament extended its condolences to the victims' families and expressed "solidarity with all those in the Middle East who have chosen the way of moderation and peace".

The parliament said it was concerned by the repercussions the massacre might have on the stability of the region. "The motive of these terrorist acts is to kill the peace process," it said.

The parliament said the best way of disarming the extremists was to implement the Declaration of Principles between Israel and the PLO.

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5,000 to pray at Machpela

HERB KEINON

UP TO 5,000 guests are expected to spend Shabbat in Kiryat Arba and Hebron and are scheduled to pray outside the closed Machpela Cave to mark Shabbat Hayei Sarah, the shabbat where the Torah portion relates how Abraham bought the Machpela Cave as a place to bury his wife, Sarah.

According to Noam Arnon, head of the Jewish settlement in Hebron, every family in Kiryat Arba and in the settlement in Hebron will be hosting a family, and other guests will be staying in schools and public buildings in the settlement. Arnon said that tents may be set up to deal with the overflow. The number of guests in the settlement will nearly double its population.

Arnon said that although many people come to Kiryat Arba and Hebron on this Shabbat every year, there has never been as much interest as there is now.

"The continued closure of the cave after nine months is a source of anger to many people," Arnon said. "This is not a demonstration, but a way for people to identify with Hebron in order to pressure the government into opening the cave."

The cave, closed since the Hebron massacre in February, is scheduled to be opened next week, but Arnon said he has heard the opening will again be delayed.

Arnon said that the plans for the Shabbat in Hebron, including the prayers outside the cave, have been coordinated with the IDF. The IDF Spokesman's office would not say if the army has increased forces in the city over the Shabbat, saying that it does not report on troop movements.

Romeo apparently turns out to be common swindler

RAINE MARCUS

A 51-YEAR-old recent immigrant from France was arrested yesterday on suspicion he had swindled several people out of thousands of shekels was arrested by Tel Aviv police yesterday and will appear in court today for a remand hearing.

The man said police took NIS 45,000 from a woman he was romantically involved with, ostensibly to buy an apartment together with her, but he then disappeared with the money.

He also allegedly borrowed nearly NIS 20,000 from individuals and repaid them with bad checks.

According to detectives, he hired cars from different companies without paying for them, and failed to pay rent for an apartment he had lived in.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fiji president hospitalized here

Fiji President Kamisse Mara'a was hospitalized yesterday in the cardiology department of Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, after feeling unwell during a visit to his country's troops in south Lebanon.

Mara'a, who is in his 60s and has a chronic heart condition, was flown via UNIFIL helicopter to Israel and brought to the hospital for tests.

Goren stable after heart attack

Former chief rabbi Shlomo Goren's condition continued to stabilize yesterday, according to his wife. Goren was hospitalized in the intensive care ward at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital after suffering a heart attack two days ago. While he is fully conscious and is able to speak, Goren's wife said doctors are still not allowing him to receive visitors. *Itim*

US tourist struck and killed by car

Thirty-seven-year-old Jerry David, an American tourist, was killed when he was hit by a car while crossing the street Tuesday night near Rosh Pina. David was taken to a hospital in critical condition, but died of his injuries. Police are investigating and arrested the driver of the car. *Itim*

MK protests Hussein and Rabin smoking

Labor MK Yoram Lass, a physician, yesterday sent telegrams to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein, protesting against their having been photographed with cigarettes after the Arava treaty-signing ceremony.

In a photo published around the world, the king was seen with a cigarette in his mouth and lighting Rabin's cigarette.

Lass urged the two leaders not to set a bad example for their countries' young people.

Commemorative covers only at post offices

First-day covers commemorating the Israel-Jordan peace agreement cannot be ordered by a toll-free number from the Postal Authority, contrary to the authority's previous announcement. When supplies run out in post offices, they will no longer be available.

Deri trial judges reject radio broadcast

The judges in the Aryeh Deri trial have rejected a request from Israel Radio to broadcast the trial live. Israel Broadcasting Spokesman Zvi Lidar said in response that Israel Radio considered the broadcasts a public service. "It is news, interesting and important. Not every day is a government minister forced to defend himself on these types of charges in court," Lidar said.

Palestinian company to pay Bezek bill

Patelco, the Palestinian Telecommunications Company, has finally promised to pay Bezek its phone bill for calls made by Gaza and Jericho residents to Israel and the rest of the world.

Bezek had been concerned after being told to send the bill directly to PLO chief Yasser Arafat, even though Patelco had been established as an international consortium specifically for this purpose.

Bezek will continue to provide maintenance service, international phone service and billing for Patelco, which promised to pay the first bill in the next few days.

Meanwhile, MCI is the first telecommunications company to sign a deal with Patelco for the provision of assistance that will make possible voice transmissions directly from the autonomous areas to the US and to other countries around the world.

Taxi driver offers info in alleged kidnap

A taxi driver told police yesterday that he had dropped a passenger at the junction near Ariel on Wednesday evening, at the spot where an Ariel resident reporting witnessing a kidnapping at about the same time. A woman had reported seeing a man being forced into a car that had territories plates and three men inside. Security forces conducted extensive searches all Wednesday night and all day yesterday, but found nothing. As of last night, no one had reported anyone missing to police. The taxi driver reported taking a passenger from Tel Aviv and dropping him at the junction Wednesday evening. (Itim)

Nahariya man arrested for bopping cop

A 20-year-old Nahariya man was arrested and his driver's license suspended for 30 days after he allegedly attacked a police officer and injured him when the latter stopped him for speeding. The man had been driving a van at nearly 100 kph at the southern entrance of the city, where the speed limit is 60 kph.

The van driver refused to identify himself or present license and during the ensuing argument, he hit the policeman. *Itim*



Accused wiretappers Ya'acov Tsur (left) and Rafi Friedan appear yesterday at Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. (Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

Wiretap case defender says his car was torched and documents stolen

Plea hearing postponed until next month

RAINE MARCUS

THE lawyer defending private investigator Rafi Friedan of illegal wiretapping charges told the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday he had been threatened, his car stolen and torched, and his documents stolen.

Lawyer Motti Katz said during a plea hearing for investigators Friedan and Ya'acov Tsur that "he was under tremendous pressure."

Friedan and Tsur did not file a plea yesterday, after their lawyers claimed they had not received all the prosecution evidence. The hearing was postponed until next month.

The pair, owners of the Agam investigation agency, are charged with 40 counts of illegally tapping phones and faxes.

Katz has come under fire for secret meetings held with *Ma'ariv* publisher Ofer Nimrodi. On one occasion Nimrodi's father, Ya'acov, was present; on other occasions *Ma'ariv* security officer, former GSS agent David Ronen, attended.

The weekly *Ha'ir*, published by *Ha'aretz* owner Amos Shocken, today reports alleged irregularities regarding Katz's part in the affair on the night Friedan was arrested. According to *Ha'ir*, Friedan gave Katz the location of vehicles used to record phone conversations and asked him to pass it on to another investigator. Katz denied the allegations.

Last week Ofer Nimrodi was questioned under caution, for the third time, to find out his connections to Friedan and Tsur. Another private investigator, David Spector, filed a complaint with police that Nimrodi had offered him money to spy on *Yediot*. Nimrodi denied the allegations.

Claims that Nimrodi paid for Friedan's legal fees through intermediary Ronen have not been proved.

Yediot publisher Arnon Mozes, editor Moshe Vardi, and executive Ruth Ben-Ari were also questioned under caution recently in connection with the tapping of phones of former *Yediot* editor Dov Yudkovsky and ousted executive Ze'ev Mozes.

No newspaper magnate has yet been charged, and Friedan and Tsur are keeping mum on who commissioned the widescale tapping.

More that 160 prosecution witnesses are expected to be summoned to testify against the pair, many of them private investigators who worked with them, and employees.

Katz demanded to know in court yesterday which of the witnesses have been formally charged and which had been granted immunity in return for testifying.

Friedan originally admitted tapping the phones of three senior *Yediot* and *Ma'ariv* employees, but denied that bugging mobile phones or faxes is illegal. The matter is controversial and no high court judge has yet ruled on the issue.

Both Katz and Tsur's lawyer, Dan Qual, accused the prosecution of deliberately withholding all evidence, including 50 tape recordings.

Qual added that since the police investigation into the affair has not ended, a plea hearing was not in order. Tsur denies all charges.

Katz also accused the police of irregularities, saying that finger prints had not been sent with "the correct forms" for identification.

He cited the name of private investigator Eyal Topaz, who he suggested made a deal with the prosecution to close a drugs file against him in return for testifying against Friedan and Tsur. This could not be confirmed last night.

President Clinton...

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- ***Assad knows...*** on that day an American journalist from Time Magazine witnessed three captured Israeli soldiers on display in Damascus.
- ***Assad knows...*** recently an eyewitness reported seeing Baumel, alive in Syrian controlled Lebanon.

This man knows where he is.



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- ***Assad wants...*** the removal of the arms embargo on his country.

Zachary Baumel, an American Citizen, is alive and has been held hostage in Lebanon for over twelve years.

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The Clinton visit

A visit by an American president, particularly a devoted friend of Israel like Bill Clinton, is always welcome. It gives a palpable confirmation to the special relationship between Jerusalem and Washington, and it affords Israelis an opportunity to express their appreciation for America's friendship.

Clinton's strong personal commitment to Israel's security and welfare is unquestionably genuine. He seems to have a visceral understanding of Israel's unique problems and a warm appreciation of its achievements. The story of how his pastor warned him that God would never forgive him if he abandoned Israel, which he repeated last night, seems to typify the president's simple dedication to what he considers a natural Christian duty.

On a more practical level, Israelis have appreciated his adherence to his campaign pledge not to try to impose an American solution on Israel. Repeatedly proclaiming (as he did again last night) that true peace can only be reached by the nations of the region themselves, without outside pressures, he has allowed the process to unfold without American intervention. Offering the administration's services as an "honest broker" only when needed, he has been helped by the consummate diplomatic skills of Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

It is to this personal commitment that both Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu paid tribute at the Knesset last night. Their praise of the president's sincerity and friendship echoed what undoubtedly most Israelis feel. And Clinton's own demeanor indicated that he indeed felt, as Rabin suggested, that he was "at home" in Israel.

Yet Clinton's own speech and some of his decisions caused unease. They made one wonder if he has been seduced by the political need to achieve a quick "breakthrough" in the Middle East regardless of the ultimate cost of such an achievement to Israel.

The main thrust of Clinton's Knesset speech was that Syria is now "serious" about peace. To buttress this assertion, "senior American officials" have assured Israelis that Syria's dictator Hafez Assad was quite forthcoming in private in his condemnation of terrorism and professions of peace. It was only in the setting of the press conference, the democratic forum in which reporters can ask pointed questions, that he froze up.

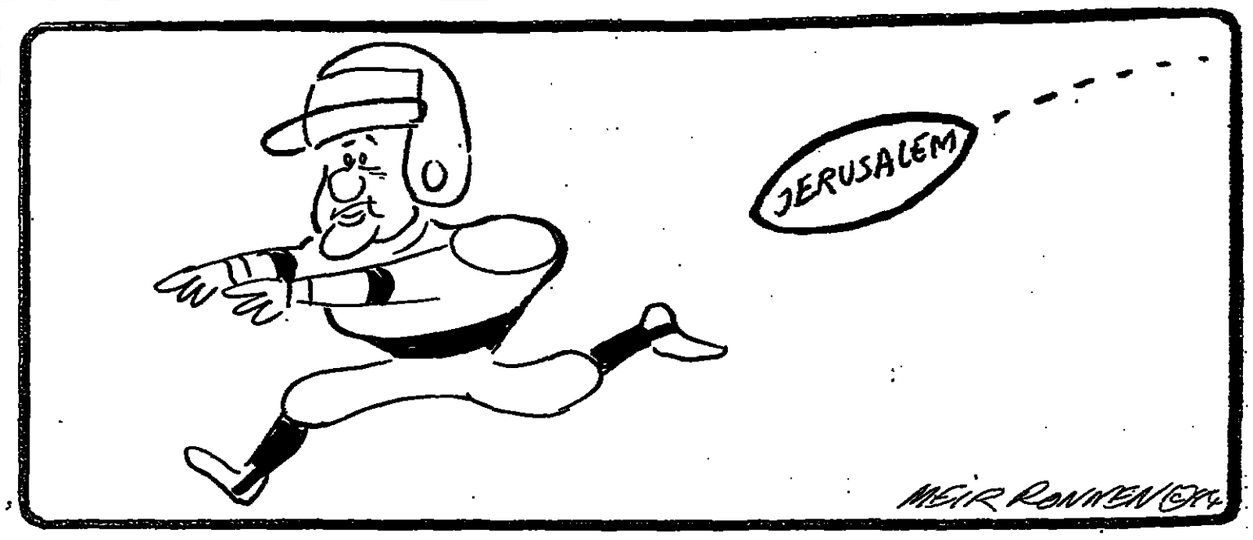
But Assad's conduct in the conference is but the tip of the iceberg. It indicated that the very thought that he might have to concern himself with what the people of Israel may think is as alien as it is unacceptable to him. He was making a deal with a leader, not with a people. Such deals are expected to last only as long as the leaders who make them are around. A successor may overturn them at will.

If news agency reports from Clinton's plane are accurate, the president truly believes that Assad, though a tough negotiator, is a man of his word. Like so many democratic leaders in this century, Clinton seems taken by the personal charm and the apparent sincerity of a ruthless dictator. And like many such leaders, Clinton will not let facts get in the way. But Assad has never kept a single agreement he has ever made, either with Israel or with the Arab states. The only exception is the cease-fire on the Golan, where Israeli troops are stationed 50 km. from Damascus.

There is something winning about the American belief in the capacity of people to change. Like all manifestations of faith, it is a source of inspiration and a basis for hope. But what may apply to straying youths is irrelevant in the case of savage dictators. Neither Assad nor Saddam Hussein nor Gaddafi nor the Iranian ayatollahs are about to become born-again democrats. They may make deals in moments of weakness, but they will not relinquish their ambitions. And Assad's ambitions do not include living in peace with Israel.

To play it safe, Clinton promised Israel that the US would help it keep its qualitative military superiority over its potential enemies. But such promises were more easily kept during the cold war, when the Soviets armed Israel's neighbors. The kind of pax Americana now envisioned makes them far less convincing. The access to the most advanced technology in the American arsenal is already being offered not only to Israel, but to Saudi Arabia and Egypt. In fact, the Saudis have access to more advanced computer and satellite technology than Israel has. And if Syria is rewarded by such access to induce it to enter the American orbit, the Israeli qualitative advantage will disappear.

Overlooked in yesterday's festivities was another worrisome step. Clearly, Clinton yielded to Palestinian pressure on the issue of Jerusalem. He did not offend Israel by agreeing to the PLO's demand that he visit the Temple Mount without the elected mayor of the city; but he also placated the Palestinians by canceling the visit. Both Rabin and Netanyahu last night reminded him that Israel is united in its insistence on keeping Jerusalem a united city under Israeli sovereignty. But it may very well be that such an outcome is not part of the pax Americana Washington has in mind.



Hussein and Arafat in conflict

MOSHE ZAK

THE peace treaty has been signed. The PLO's last-minute attempt to torpedo it failed. The Arab League didn't convene to discuss the PLO's request that the kingdom of Jordan be disciplined and forced to erase or modify the Jerusalem clause in the treaty. In that clause, Israel confers special status on Jordan as custodian of Jerusalem's Moslem holy shrines.

King Hussein was unequivocal in rejecting the PLO's demand that he forfeit that special status; and Israel rejected out of hand the PLO's claim that the agreement with Jordan contradicts Israel's promise concerning Jerusalem in a letter from Israel to Norwegian foreign minister Jorgen Holst.

The PLO is now focusing its efforts on challenging Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem. To that end, the organization got the Arab states to put pressure on the US and demand that Ehud Olmert, mayor of united Jerusalem, not accompany President Clinton on his tour of holy places in the city's eastern part.

The aim was to make it clear that the US also rejects Israeli rule in eastern Jerusalem. It was an impudent demand, one Israel couldn't accept. Even Anwar Sadat was accompanied by an official Israeli representative when he went to pray at the mosque on the Temple Mount, as was President Carter when he toured Jerusalem's Old City.

The Americans were about to yield to Palestinian pressure. But then, it was made clear to Washington that such a move on Clinton's part, at a time when Israel is being asked to rely on American promises, is liable to shake the Israeli public's faith in the peace process. The American "solution" – that Clinton not tour eastern Jerusalem at all – may be considered a partial PLO victory.

The Palestinians attempted something of the sort even before that. In response to the Washington Declaration, in which Yitzhak Rabin promised Hussein that Jordan's status vis-a-vis Jerusalem's holy shrines would be preserved, Arafat quickly tried to establish facts in Jerusalem intended to show that he is the boss in eastern Jerusalem.

The PLO appointed the chairman of the Supreme Moslem Council in Jerusalem – who was, up to that point, getting his salary from Jordan – a member of the Palestinian Authority.

The appointment contradicted the spirit of the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles, which excluded Jerusalem from the interim agreement. This means that residents of Jerusalem do not belong in the autonomy area, and cannot hold leadership positions in Gaza and Jericho.

The first test of the Israel-Jordan treaty will take place in Jerusalem

This move by the PLO was an open challenge to Israel. But Israel avoided any firm response, so as not to irritate the Palestinian Authority. In the absence of a determined Israeli response, Arafat extracted a declaration from the foreign ministers of the Arab League to the effect that the PLO has the sole right to rule in eastern Jerusalem.

This decision encouraged Arafat to announce that henceforth the PLO would be responsible for the Moslem Council and the Wakf, thus changing the religious status quo in Jerusalem and challenging the commitment Israel had made in the Washington Declaration.

HUSSEIN ALSO avoided confronting the PLO on this issue, and instead, gave Arafat an opportunity to get down off the tall tree he had climbed.

The king announced that he was relinquishing Jordan's ties to the Wakf in the areas of Palestinian autonomy; but he made it clear that Jerusalem was not included in that area. In it, Jordan would continue to see to the needs of the Wakf and the Supreme Moslem Council in Jerusalem.

The PLO did not agree to this separation. And when the draft of the Israel-Jordan peace treaty was signed, containing Israel's commitment that, even in the final-status arrangements, Israel would give priority to Jordan's historic interest in Jerusalem's Islamic holy shrines, Arafat was enraged. He launched a campaign to undermine all traces of Jordanian influence in Jerusalem's religious institutions.

It was similar to the way he had previously used threats of boycott to force an Arab newspaper editor in Jerusalem to dissociate himself from the Jordanian kingdom.

As fate would have it, just when the struggle between the PLO and Jordan over Jerusalem was at its height, the mufti of Jerusalem died. And Hussein, who up to then had the authority to appoint the mufti and other officials of religious Moslem institutions in Jerusalem, appointed his own man.

Arafat responded by appointing a mufti himself, making sure that the Palestinian security services helped him get installed in the mufti's offices. By dint of his reign of terror over the city's Arab residents, Arafat neutralized the mufti Hussein had appointed.

This was the signal for the start of the public struggle between Arafat and Hussein. Arafat went so far as to threaten the king, declaring in a speech in Gaza to Hamas and Islamic Jihad supporters that anyone who didn't agree that Jerusalem is Palestinian and that the custodianship of the holy places should be in the hands of Palestinians could go and drink Gaza sea water.

Hussein was a little more careful in his language. But he reminded Arafat of 1970, when the PLO tried a coup in Jordan and was defeated by the Jordanian army. Hussein wasn't explicit, but Arafat certainly remembers that this Jordanian victory over the PLO was due in no small measure to Israel's deterrence action against the Syrian army, which had invaded Jordan to help the Arafat-headed "free government" which had declared itself in Irbid.

The sharp confrontation between King Hussein and Yasser Arafat reached its peak on Wednesday, when the PLO and its supporters held a one-day strike in eastern Jerusalem to protest the signing of the Israel-Jordan treaty.

But this confrontation will not be decided in speeches. It will be determined on the ground, in Jerusalem, which is under Israeli sovereignty.

Jordan will be carefully monitoring Israel's fulfillment of the obligations on Jerusalem laid down in the peace treaty. The treaty's success will not be measured by the pomp and ceremony in the Arava, but by the degree of Israel's resolve to retain Israeli sovereignty in all of Jerusalem – which will allow it to grant Jordan its special promised status in the holy places.

Israel has shown unnecessary restraint in the face of the PLO challenge to its full control of every part of Jerusalem. This restraint is liable, ultimately, to harm the peace treaty just signed with Jordan.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JONATHAN POLLARD

Sir, – We may never know whether, during these past nine years, Israel's various governments faithfully tried to honor the tremendous moral obligation they owed to Jonathan Pollard. But whatever the past, now is the time for Israel to honor that commitment by seizing the unique opportunity presented by this week's historic events.

It is morally incumbent upon Prime Minister Rabin to do whatever has to be done and to tell President Clinton whatever Mr. Clinton needs to hear in order to finally bring an end to Jonathan Pollard's nine years of suffering.

DAVID KIRSHENBAUM
New York.

POLITICIZATION OF THE JUDICIARY

Sir, – Unfortunately, Allan Shapiro's suggestions for revamping Israel's judiciary, and particularly the Supreme Court ("A plunge into 'the dismal swamp,'" October 21) will probably not be heeded by the country's leadership. As Shapiro ably demonstrates, Israel's highest court has over the past two decades steadily usurped the discretionary powers of the executive and legislative branches. This has serious implications for the health of Israeli democracy.

While the executive and legislature act as representatives of the majority of the citizenry which elected them, the justices of the High Court never face an majoritarian test: they are appointed by the Judicial Selections Committee, five of whose nine members are either current Supreme Court justices or representatives of the Israel Bar.

Shapiro suggests that the High Court's entry into the "dismal swamp" of politics ought to occasion a relaxation of the unwritten rule which forbids the appointment of justices with clear political background. Sadly, clear political leanings have never constituted an impediment to such appointments. The current Deputy Supreme Court President, Justice Aharon Barak, serves as a case in point. During the Camp David negotiations, Barak, then attorney general, pressured Menachem Begin to make concessions regarding Judea and Samaria (as documented by veteran diplomat David Kimche in *The Last Option*, p.89). Likewise, State Attorney Dorit Beinish has been mentioned as a probable Supreme Court appointee in the near future, despite her known rancor towards the settlement movement – and despite the widely reported allegations by a former top justice ministry official that Beinish is biased against Sephardim and the religious. One can only speculate as to why Israel's legal community has failed to demand that the allegations against Beinish be put to rest prior to her appointment to the court. Perhaps our jurists agree with former Justice Menachem Elon, who maintains that judges, like all people, must have political leanings, and to claim otherwise is to deny reality.

The democratic solution to this politicization of the judiciary is not to deny the reality of ideological judges, but to ensure that those who sit on the increasingly powerful Supreme Court represent a clearly majoritarian point of view. It is intolerable in a democratic regime that constitutional values be interpreted solely "according to the conceptions of the enlightened segment of society," as Justice Barak has written repeatedly. But the mechanism proffered by Shapiro – ratification by a Knesset committee – is insufficient. Appointment of Supreme Court justices should require the ratification of a special majority (60 or 70 percent) of all Knesset members. Such a procedure would guarantee that our laws are applied and interpreted in light of the values held by the overwhelming majority of Israelis.

HADASSA HELLER
Jerusalem.

PLACING THE BLAME

Sir, – Once again, the entire nation of Israel is licking its wounds. The dreadful tragedy of the Wachsman family was magnified infinitely just a few days later by the horrific bus explosion in the center of Tel Aviv.

It was only to be expected, I suppose, that Mr. Rabin, in addressing the nation, managed to blame, however tortuously, the Jewish residents of the territories for this, too. He claimed that, by having to protect these people, the army could not be protecting the (more worthy?) residents of Tel Aviv. (No matter that anyone traveling in Judea or Samaria can attest to a severely reduced number of soldiers in the areas, with a corresponding escalation of stonings and fire bombings.) Is the security of Tel Aviv so perilous that it should be protected by soldiers trained to secure the country's borders?

Where, one may ask, were the General Security Service agents? Once, these intelligence officers were keeping their ears tuned to local informers, gathering snippets of information that helped foil numerous terrorist attacks.

Today, these same officers, on Mr. Rabin's orders, are scurrying around, trying to drum up evidence about a nonexistent right-wing Jewish terrorist group supposedly located in Kiryat Arba (an attempt to condition public opinion for an eventual evacuation?). So far, the vast majority of Jewish "terrorists" apprehended have had no charges filed against them.

Mr. Rabin, because of his fanatical hatred of the "settlers," has caused a vacuum in intelligence gathering about the operations of our real enemies and endangered the security of so many innocent people.

BEVERLY UNGAR
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The king spoke, and parliament slept

STEVE RODAN

EARLIER this month, King Hussein addressed a packed parliament, wondering how to keep its members awake.

The Jordanian monarch spent nearly an hour playing the nation's chief executive, a role he has rarely assumed. He listed figures on economic growth and debt restructuring, as well as achievements in housing and infrastructure. In the past, the prime minister would address these issues.

Some of the achievements seemed impressive. Jordan is building more roads and more housing than in previous years. The Hashemite kingdom is making progress in developing a modern water system and installing sewerage.

For the first time, the government is making the protection of the environment a major goal. New projects have to fit environmental safety standards, something unheard of in the rest of the Arab world.

Hussein announced major strides in housing, something many young Jordanians lack. The shortage of apartments has been a cause in delaying marriages and creates social pressure in this conservative Islamic society. Over the last year, nearly 3,000 apartments have been built by the government.

Hospital care has improved. More beds have been installed. Services are being upgraded, giving Jordan one of the highest standards of health care in the Arab world outside the Gulf states, where the sector is manned largely by foreigners.

Had Bill Clinton been able to claim such a record, he would have no rating problem. Had Yitzhak Rabin such a record, half of the demonstrators outside his office would have long since gone home.

But the parliament heard Hussein and snored. Not one round of applause interrupted him as he went through his government's list of accomplishments. Not one expression of appreciation for a king who stresses social issues rather than foreign policy. The lawmakers remained silent even as the monarch discussed steps to fight corruption, the norm in the Middle East.

The king appeared ill at ease. Maybe he felt he was losing his audience. Maybe he had seen – as Jordan Television had – several parliamentarians dozing off, eyes closed, looking quite peaceful in their cushioned seats.

But when it came to slogan time, the honorable members jerked awake

Hussein regained his audience toward the end of his address. When he declared Jordan's commitment to Arab solidarity and coordination, the parliament clapped warmly. When he discussed the Hashemite links to Jerusalem, his audience came alive.

Occasionally, somebody provided a cue, shouting "Long live the king." Nobody could have been apathetic to such a call.

HUSSEIN'S SPEECH, his stress on domestic issues, his concern for social welfare, marks a new era in his rule. The king has signed a peace treaty with Israel, and the threat from his powerful western neighbor has officially ceased. Even Jordan's education curriculum is being revised so that it no longer views Jews and Israel as the devil incarnate. The focus now must be on improving the lives of Jordanians.

In one sentence, Hussein gave his people the reason for the treaty and its barometer of success. "The treaty will enable Jordan to tackle its basic issues, particularly those of poverty and unemployment, and will also reinforce its regional and international stature," he said.

The question for now is not whether Hussein makes these improvements. His more immediate concern is whether anybody cares. In the West, citizens vote for what's good for their pockets. Foreign policy is regarded as a nuisance. The army holds little value at a time when there are no immediate threats.

In Jordan, as well as the rest of the Arab world, people are still very much moved by slogans. They are driven by calls for nationalism, Islam, militarism.

It's not that the Arab world is an apathetic society. Nobody wants a cesspool running past his house. But few Arabs would demonstrate for the preservation of the environment.

Everybody wants a better job and a home. But nobody would quote Franklin Roosevelt's "A chicken in every pot; a car in every garage" as his national dream.

King Hussein's most pressing goal is to change the debate in Jordan, to get first the elite, then the elected representatives, the professionals and university students, and finally the people interested in issues, not slogans. This is a process that starts from the top.

The need to concentrate on issues and adopt a hardheaded style of leadership has been promoted for years by Hussein's brother and future successor, Crown Prince Hassan. But Hassan's call for economic development and a "New Middle East" has been dismissed with ridicule, similar to the reaction Shimon Peres has encountered.

It's not only Hussein's problem. It's just as much a problem for PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who is trying to rally Palestinians around building a better society rather than waging an armed crusade against Israel. It has meant presiding over the opening of factories, rather than military parades.

But for Hussein, as well as Arafat, changing the debate means education. It means placing more value on secular knowledge, being more critical of authority, judging leaders by achievements rather than rhetoric, and being more tolerant of dissent – just in case an opposing view turns out to be the correct one.

In an Arab world built on conformity, where opposition has no outlet other than violence, it's a major task.

The question is: how long will parliament remain asleep?

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POSTSCRIPT

JAPAN'S ALERT immigration officials thwarted at least two mass attempts to use the recent Asian Games as a cover to enter the country illegally.

Fifteen Burmese posing as a "cheering squad" for their football team made the attempt. Earlier, an elaborate scam was tried by 50 Filipinos who posed, uniforms and all, as their country's volleyball team.

The Burmese "cheerleaders" were caught with fake visas and flown back.

IN SOME future generation, people are going to be sneering at how silly we were in the 1990s. Here's the latest: a French advertising review board has canceled a planned anti-smoking advertising blitz, because of "prejudice to animals."

The National Committee Against Tobacco had purchased advertising time on a TV network for a campaign featuring various animals – a camel, a pig and a tortoise – appearing to smoke cigarettes.

The ads say animals are too clever to smoke and ask: "When are you going to quit?"

But the Bureau of Advertising Verification, a private ad review board, rejected the ads, saying they contained scenes "prejudicial to animals and likely to shock certain television viewers."

MONTHS OF heavy rain in Florida have brought back walking catfish.

Yes, say scientists and Floridians who have seen the phenomenon, some catfish here really do walk, sort of.

"I was out walking one night with my husband and we looked down and there were little catfish sort of scooting along the street," said Carolin Martin of Valrico, near Tampa.

"We got a plastic trash bag, put the fish in it, and dumped them back in the pond. There were some men fishing in the pond, but we were having better luck picking the fish up in the street," she said.

AT A FESTIVAL devoted to the despicable slug – appropriately called the Fairfax County (Virginia) Slugfest – "Slippery" beat out 49 other slimy slugs in the Tour de Slug race. Other highlights in the festival included face-painting with slug guck, the slime toss, and the official drink – green "slimeade."

One competitor, a 12-year-old boy, demonstrated his skill at flicking his tongue in and out of his mouth with his slug, Mickey, attached. He said that despite washing Mickey several times with soap beforehand, "the slime [still] sticks between your teeth. I've still got some slime from yesterday."

Staff

Day out in Damascus

A.M. ROSENTHAL

IT'S a pity that President Clinton's visit with President Assad of Syria in Damascus had to be one of those quick in-and-out trips. Mr. Clinton should have stayed a couple of days. There are a lot of interesting things to be seen in Syria, and fun to be had.

For instance, it wouldn't have taken him but a few minutes' limo time to visit the downtown office of Hamas. He could have asked for Musa Abu Marzuk, who is one of the top three officials of Hamas worldwide.

The two could have chatted about the Hamas leader's many years of residence in Virginia preparing. Other possible topics: the Hamas bombing of the bus in Tel Aviv, how the Damascus branch keeps in touch with the Hamas bomb units in Gaza, Israel and the US and trades tips and specialists.

Then, there could have been an editorial board meeting at Radio Al-Kuds. Over coffee, they could have told the president how, with the permission of his host's regime, they broadcast ecstatic praise of the Tel Aviv massacre.

From there, President Clinton could have visited Mr. Assad's Military Interrogation branch to inspect Saha al-Ta'dhib, probably the best-equipped suite of torture chambers in the Mideast.

The president could have seen *al-khursi al-almani*, or the German chair. Knives cut into the victim's flesh as the chair is rotated. Or he might have asked for *al-abd al-aswad*, or the black slave, in which a prisoner is strapped down while a heated metal skewer is thrust into his anus.

Then, it would have been off to visit the Palestinian terrorists.

For decades, Syria has been haven and training ground for about a dozen of these groups. Without Mr. Clinton's host, Mideast terrorism could not have so flourished. That is why Syria is on the US list of terrorist nations.

Mr. Clinton might have enjoyed meeting Ahmed Jibril, chief of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command. Some Western intelligence agents are sure he planned the destruction of Pan Am 103.

Mr. Jibril could have chatted about what Mr. Assad knows before and after terrorist operations. He is a Syrian army officer, and part of Syrian intelligence, a branch of Mr. Assad's presidency.

There's no end to the sights Mr. Assad might have shown Mr. Clinton: his torture chamber, his terrorist training grounds...

Mr. Jibril's office is in the Al-Mazra'a section, not far from the Damascus office of Islamic Jihad. Then the Clinton, Jibril and Jihad parties could all have taken a drive to the four PFLP-GC bases in the Damascus area, including the Al-Ruwwad air base and the heavy weapons unit.

A BIT of adventure snooping around Alois Brunner? He was Eichmann's deputy slaughterer. He escaped, to prosper year after year in Syria. Mr. Assad refers to him as Alois Who? He may be dead by now, but Mr. Clinton could have checked around on Haddad Street, where Brunner lived – investigative president on the job.

Side trip: Mr. Assad drives Mr. Clinton to Hama, in the Orontes River valley. Not much to see there since Mr. Assad had about 20,000 Syrians massacred because some raised opposition to his rule. Still, there's a great parking lot where their homes were bulldozed. Mr. Clinton could have had a tailgate kebab with his host.

No visit to Syria is complete without a visit to the beautiful Beka'a Valley. Actually, it's in Lebanon, but given the Syrian colonization of Lebanon and occupation of the Beka'a, that is a quibble.

Mr. Clinton could have seen the pretty poppy fields. He might have stopped at Syrian army posts, for details of the millions of dollars the Syrian Army rakes in turning poppies into heroin.

Mr. Clinton can relax. His presence isn't needed to talk Mr. Assad into a peace treaty. Israel offers a world-class bargain: For a treaty, Syria gets the commanding heights of the Golan. Mr. Assad will decide in his own interests and time.

In Washington, the Center for Strategic Policy released a worried study by former high-ranking US officials and retired generals warning that putting any American peacekeeping forces on the Golan would endanger the troops and undermine Israel's standing as a self-reliant American ally.

But for Syria, the Clinton visit was a delicious American ennoblement. Mr. Assad may respond with some gesture. But the terrorist list is dead, politically and morally.

Before leaving Damascus, Mr. Clinton might have returned for another look at Saha al-Ta'dhib, the garden of tortures. He could have thought about it as he flew home. Maybe it would have helped him face the question he keeps raising himself, and which is poisoning his presidency: Who is Bill Clinton?

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Killing for the fun of it

YOSEF GOELL

THE two teenage boys who confessed to the murder of Herzliya cabbie Derek Roth were sentenced this week to only 16 years' imprisonment. The sentence may well have been within the letter of the law. But it constituted one of the most egregious travesties of justice we have witnessed in recent years.

It is the duty of judges and the judicial system not merely to uphold the law, but also to see that justice is done. In the present case, justice was clearly not done – neither to society nor to the family of the murdered man. It has been correctly pointed out that the 16-year sentence actually means a little more than 10 years, after one-third is subtracted for good behavior.

Many cases of murder are rightly termed crimes of passion, in the sense that inflamed passions, generated by a plethora of reasons, may drive very different people to kill.

In the present case, however, the three judges themselves, tortuously explaining their controversial sentence, stated quite accurately that murder without a motive "is more threatening, cruel... an indication of evil for evil's sake."

The notion of "evil for evil's sake" is repugnant to the modern, liberal mind. But it is hard to recall another case in Israel's history which comes so close to that chillingly inhuman definition as does the coldly planned and oh-so-blithely executed killing of Roth by two teenagers from "good families."

The young murderers apparently did it for the "fun" of it; for the emotional "high" they got out of the experience of taking a human life.

Hamas and other terrorist killers are motivated by ideals, twisted and murderous though these may be. Even so, were it not for the pragmatic consideration that it might serve as a pretext for even more brutal terror, they deserve to be shot down while perpetrating their deeds, or tried and sentenced to death.

In the Derek Roth verdict, justice most certainly wasn't done

ISRAEL DOES not have the death sentence, except for the crime of genocide committed by the likes of Adolf Eichmann. If it did, the first candidates for execution should be those who murder "for fun," or for the sheer "heck of it," like Derek Roth's killers.

Since, as a progressive society, we do not subscribe to such societal executions, the least punishment that should be meted out to such murderers is "taking their lives" in a more figurative but nonetheless real sense. Roth's killers should be deprived of what normal people consider a "life" for the rest of their natural existence. This at least would serve as an example and a warning to amoral youths growing up in an excessively permissive society.

Roth's killers were given a relatively lenient sentence – considering the heinous nature of their crime – because of the mitigating circumstance of age. They were less than 15 when they committed the murder.

The law requires that the age, sanity, and moral immaturity of criminals be factored into their punishment. In the present case, the judges were grievously misguided in the blatantly unjust and unreasonable balance they struck between crime and punishment.

It is incumbent upon State Attorney Dorit Beinish to appeal the sentence to the Supreme Court, as was done in the case of the teenage Shomrat rapists, when a judicial attempt at balance also fell far short of the demands of elementary justice. In that case, the Supreme Court increased the sentence.

Perhaps it is even more important to rethink the philosophy of punishment and redraft the law to take the surviving victims of such crimes into account.

The present judicial process seeks to make criminals "pay their just debt to society." The criminal's even greater debt to the surviving victims of his act is entirely ignored. Sending a murderer to jail for life may satisfy a societal sense of abstract justice and understandable human demands for retribution and vengeance, but it does nothing to redress the grievous harm caused to the victim's family.

The enormity of the Roth murder should provide a good opportunity to consider rendering equal justice to the survivors of crime. These two "for-the-fun-of-it" killers could perhaps be sentenced to a lifetime of indentured toil to support the remaining members of Roth's family; to a lifetime without freedom, without the possibility of marriage, raising a family, or leading a normal life in any normal sense.

In addition to appealing the Roth sentence, a public commission should be set up to rethink the whole concept of retributive justice and contemplate extending the definition of punishment to encompass compensating and healing the survivors of victims of criminal acts.

The writer comments on public affairs.

A morality of the moment

KHALID M. AMAYREH

THE Tel Aviv bus bombing confronted us once again with the ugly reality of the century-old Palestinian-Israeli strife over this land west of the River Jordan.

In one sense, it exposed the utter superficiality of the ongoing peace process. In another, it reaffirmed the huge reserves of mutual hatred and animosity between Jews and Arabs which have accumulated over the years and continue to accumulate on a daily basis.

The bloodbath was also a reminder to all of us that a just, genuine and durable settlement of the conflict (which may now be metamorphosing into a Jewish-Islamic confrontation) is still far from realization, despite the artificially induced euphoria.

It is true that the killing of innocent civilians is inherently incompatible with the teachings of Islam, and Hamas presumably understands this. However, it is wholly unrealistic to hold Hamas solely responsible for a contextually overlapping situation in which the brutal ugliness of reality overpowers sublime religious or moral constraints that might deter potential perpetrators from executing their outrageous deeds.

Indeed, what use can there be of moral and religious ideals if one is dispossessed of the essential ability to make them useful, or even relevant in one's life? In the face of an ugly, nightmarish reality, one can hardly behave idealistically. In a world of wolves, one has to be either a fox or a venomous, cunning snake. So readily do situational ethics replace religious morality as the main, de facto, code of conduct.

The Jews, and later the Israelis, learned this lesson the hard way, and the tormented Palestinians are now beginning to follow suit. This is lamentable, but seemingly inescapable.

Only when the ethics of justice replace the ethics of power politics can Israelis and Palestinians rid themselves of this haunting, vicious equation of terrorism breeding terrorism.

In a world of wolves, one must be either a fox or a venomous, cunning snake. So it is with Hamas

I SINCERELY believe that consecutive Israeli governments, Prime Minister Rabin (the self-proclaimed breaker of Palestinian bones) and the IDF are indirectly responsible, and in no uncertain or extenuating terms, for the Tel Aviv bombing and other acts of violence perpetrated by Palestinians against Israeli civilians.

The "wise and intelligent" leaders of Israel, along with the "highly gifted IDF officers" should have realized a long time ago that disgraceful mistreatment of Palestinians during and even before the intifada only bred frozen rage and infinite bitterness – or, to put it in a nutshell, suicide bombers. The Israeli occupation has made the lives of most Palestinians a living death.

Is there such a thing as living death? Yes, there is. Ask a Holocaust survivor, and he or she will tell you what a living death looks like. It is true that in the West Bank today, the scale of repression is not as wide, but the suffering is no less real.

It is, for the sake of argument, understandable that the security needs of the Israeli occupation require stringent measures against Palestinian "troublemakers." But shouldn't there be some red lines?

A week ago, the IDF imposed a curfew on al-Serri, a Palestinian hamlet 15 km west of Hebron. According to some locals, the soldiers used their loudspeakers to shout obscenities at the villagers. It is stunning that such practices go on with the knowledge and perhaps acquiescence of the soldiers' superiors.

The Israeli government and the Israeli people must, for the sake of peace, and in their own and our interest, start viewing the Palestinians as human beings. The alternative is the continuation of this quagmire of death and bereavement, and counter-death and bereavement.

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Peace-wreckers must not prevail

NOUHAD GIDEON

OUR hearts grieve over the latest attacks against innocent people by the terrorist arm Hamas.

First, there was the brutal attack in Jerusalem, which claimed two victims. Then there was the kidnapping and barbaric killing of Cpl. Nahshon Wachsman; then the appalling bus bombing in Tel Aviv.

All the attacks to date indicate that Hamas's aim is to carry on murdering innocent civilians.

Really religious Arabs are sick of the ruffians who say destroying Israel is a Koranic imperative

The motive of Hamas's operations, which reached a climax with the bus explosion, is to wreck the peace process and make the Israelis, in particular, lose faith in their government.

All genuinely religious Arabs totally condemn the revolutionary spirit of Islamic fundamentalism, which takes innocent victims without mercy.

The rise in killings by Hamas is a social catastrophe for Arabs everywhere.

Both Jews and Arabs are grieftorn. They are sick of jihad death squads, who imagine – futilely – that the destruction of Israel is a Koranic imperative, and that by carrying out suicide missions they will go to paradise.

It is foolish of Hamas to use religion as a tool to foster its national objectives. The teachings of Islam and Hamas's revolutionary ideology have very little in common.

All the parties involved should strive for peace as soon as possible, so that the bloodshed of innocent civilians may stop.

Every resident of Israel is justifiably anxious. All of them worry about horrible explosions, wondering nervously when and where the next suicide mission will claim more innocent victims.

It is difficult to forget the searing pictures of the attacked bus on Israel TV, how they stacked the dead and removed the severely wounded. Many were mauled or missing limbs, others had chunks of their bodies gone.

This horrible bloody violence is aimed at wrecking the peace process, as rapidly as possible.

But the Israeli government must not surrender to these ruffians. It must curb them, inside Israel and abroad. Israelis must protect themselves and the hope of true peace with the Arab world.

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Important Notice

When you stub your toe, our tradition teaches, it is divine mercy to correct your path. All the more so, for a more serious injury. Our tradition teaches that this applies to the individual as to the nation. We are taught that upon seeing the sign of divine mercy, we are to stop, query our actions and repent. Only a fool would ignore the warning and continue to blunder.

Our tradition teaches that the 40-year period between 1948 and 1988 was to be the period of the conquest, followed by a four-year period of transition to prepare for rebuilding the Temple. During the month of Iyyar in 1992, the heavenly gates opened allowing for the physical rebuilding of the Temple. What did we do instead? In 1988 we "legally" canceled Shabbat in Jerusalem. The land reacted swiftly, stoning us in every area of the country. Now, rather than rebuilding the Temple, we are filling the land with murderers and abdicating the land given to our forebears as an eternal possession by G-d, Creator of heaven and earth. Public desecration of Shabbat is the "in" thing. Jewish ignoramuses, who by Jewish Law could not be hired to clean public toilets, are our leaders and "ministers." Our Rabbis are myopic, hiding behind fear of "what would they say," rather than taking authority and leading our people, concerned more with "street closings" than the total spiritual direction of Am Yisrael in Eretz Yisrael, separating themselves and their pure pious ones from the Israeli goyim, withholding the Torah from the people.

Our tradition teaches that the Torah will go forth from Zion, and the word of G-d from Jerusalem. The Muslims believe in G-d, and they are trained to serve G-d. Who is teaching them about G-d? The Torah will go forth from Zion, and the Word of G-d from Jerusalem. Get it? Wake up people!

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Hijacker blows himself up

OSCOW (AP) – A hijacker who fell asleep amid 00,000 in ransom killed himself yesterday when his st hostages escaped and commandos stormed the ane.

The hijacker blew himself apart with a homemade mb, which also ripped a large hole in the top of the ue-and-white Aeroflot passenger jet.

Special forces later swarmed around the Yak-40, rked at the end of a runway in Makhachkala, 1,550 n southeast of Moscow.

Witnesses heard gunfire before the blast. The hicker carried two kilos of explosives, said Yevgeny vostyanov, deputy chief of Russia's Federal Counrintelligence Service.

"The blast was so powerful it tore the man into eces. All that was left of him were his legs," said lexei Petrenko, an Interior Ministry spokesman.

It was the fifth high-profile hostage-taking in the st year in southern Russia, a hotbed of crime and rest since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

The hijacking began Tuesday night after the plane left Makhachkala with 22 passengers and five crew. The hijacker, armed with a grenade and knife, ordered the pilot to return to the southern city, where he demanded $2 million and passage to Iran.

All of the passengers were released Wednesday, many after authorities handed over $800,000 in US currency. By early yesterday, the hijacker was alone with two pilots. The hijacker was identified as an ethnic Azerbaijani, but officials said he carried a false or stolen passport.

All of the hostages were reported in good condition.

Authorities initially had believed there were two hijackers involved, but later determined the man acted alone, Petrenko said.

The last two hostages escaped shortly after midnight yesterday, after counterintelligence agents slipped into the plane and freed them, he said. When the agents tried to persuade the hijacker to surrender several hours later, he detonated his device.

Petrenko said all of the ransom money was recovered as a result of quick action by firefighters.

Voting chaos in Mozambique as rebels pull out of elections

STUNNED by a last minute ballot boycott decreed by the former Renamo rebel movement, anxious Mozambicans voted yesterday in chaotic multi-party elections supposed to seal peace after 16 years of civil war.

Renamo's decision, announced by an angry Afonso Dhlakama, the movement's leader who was also contesting the presidency against incumbent Joaquim Chissano, sent tremors through southern Africa where leaders feared a possible return of the civil war that ravaged Mozambique until two years ago.

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Renamo, the Mozambique National Resistance, one of the two main parties in the vote, shocked the organizers with its last-minute announcement after two years of preparation. It said it feared irregularities in vote procedures would allow fraud.

Seeking to quell uncertainty in a country already nervous about its transition to democracy, election commission Chairman Brazau Mazula went on national TV to urge calm and say the two-day vote would proceed as planned. He termed the Renamo pullout illegal.

US Ambassador Denis Jett said the objections raised by Renamo were "simply logistical problems that will be worked out" during the day.

But the Renamo leader, Afonso Dhlakama, interviewed on Portuguese Radio Nova, condemned the voting under way as "a tasteless joke."

"Cheating is already in play. No one wanted to boycott the elections, but they had to because they are obviously fraudulent," Dhlakama said.

His movement waged a furious civil war against the leftist government for 15 years that left an estimated 600,000 people dead. Yesterday, however, he said he was not contemplating a return to the battlefield.

"If we wanted to return to war, we would have already have done so, because (the government) has been provoking us."

Despite the boycott, voters lined up for hours in Maputo, the capital, after polls opened at 7 a.m.

"The people are determined to vote. They can't wait any longer," said Jorge Mauriceo, a 29-year-old unemployed man waiting his turn. "It's the people's will."

People were also standing in lengthy lines in the northern Renamo stronghold of Nampula, reporters said. There many polls opened late.

Two groups that fought bitterly for 15 years – the rebels and President Joaquim Chissano's Mozambique Popular Front – were expected to win almost all of the 250 parliament seats. Chissano was favored to gain the presidency and indicated he might give Dhlakama a post.

An October 1992 peace treaty ended the civil war and led to the election, whose $65 million cost was being paid by foreign donors.

A UN spokesperson, Michelle deRosset, said yesterday it was unclear how a withdrawal by the rebels would work. Ballots include Renamo candidates, and poor communications in Mozambique make it extremely difficult to spread a boycott message.

Bosnians rout Serbs in major victory

SARAJEVO (AP) – Bosnian Serb forces fled in disarray from the most successful government attack in over two years of war, UN officials said yesterday.

The retreat prompted thousands of Serb civilians to flee their villages in northwest Bosnia.

The predominantly Moslem government force has captured up to 150 sq km of strategic high ground east and southeast of the town of Bihac, said Lt. Col. Tim Spicer, a peacekeeper spokesman.

Serb troops "withdrew in disarray," enabling government forces to capture at least two tanks and numerous mortars, Spicer said.

Bosnian radio said government forces captured four tanks and dozens of mortars. Serb soldiers set fire to ammunition depots before fleeing, the radio said.

"It is clear the Bosnian Serbs were caught totally off guard," Spicer said.

Close to 5,000 Serbs – mostly women, children and elderly – fled either west to a Serb-held part of Croatia or southeast to the Bosnian Serb town of Bosanski Petrovac, UN and International Red Cross officials said.

Relief workers were arranging to bring in food and other aid for the refugees, who were staying in schools, public buildings and private homes.

The triumph was sure to be a huge morale booster to the long-outgunned government army, which controls only about 30 percent of the country.

Despite some successes in a recent offensives across Bosnia, the government army's territorial gains had been relatively limited against the better-armed Serbs.

"A huge turnabout seems to be happening," the Sarajevo daily *Oslobodjenje* said yesterday in an editorial accompanying front-page coverage of the victory.

Spicer said the government success around Bihac, combined with more than a dozen other offensives along a broad front, appear to have forced the Serbs to shift troops and shelve plans for attacks of their own. The Serbs' fuel supplies are believed to be dwindling because of a recent cutoff of aid from their former patrons in Serbia.

Spicer said government forces pressed a strong offensive Wednesday near the central town of Bugojno and bombarded the Posavina Corridor, a narrow Serb-held strip in northern Bosnia which is the Serbs' only link between their eastern and western territories.

Western hostages held in Cambodia reported killed

CHANKAR DONG (AP) – A Cambodian who had dealt with three Westerners held hostage by the Khmer Rouge said yesterday they were killed last month by a mortar round while on their way to be ransomed.

Earlier, in Sydney, Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said he had credible but unconfirmed reports that the Australian, Frenchman and Briton had been killed. Those reports said the three were killed by a commander of the Khmer Rouge guerrilla group.

The Cambodian, who had acted as a translator for the three, told The Associated Press a mortar round hit the ox cart on which they were riding to be exchanged for ransom from the Cambodian government.

Hem Nen, 45, who speaks French, spent two months translating between the hostages and their captor, Gen. Nous Paet, after Australian David Wilson, 29, Briton Mark Slater, 26, and Frenchman Jean Michel Braquet, 27 were seized July 26 in an attack on a train in southern Cambodia.

The Khmer Rouge had demanded $150,000 for their release.

Hem Nen said that a week after the transfer was to have taken place, guerrillas coming back from the front lines told him the hostages had been killed.

"I investigated and the exact information is that the three hostages died," Hem Nen said. "But I don't know where they put the bodies. I didn't dare to ask them." He said he had heard they were buried before the guerrillas fled from fighting in the area.

"Everybody who came from the front lines told the same story about their deaths," Hem said. "The information was passed from one to another."

Evans told reporters the Cambodian military advised Australia that the three were killed in September. Stressing that the report had not been confirmed, he added: "It has to be acknowledged that the signs are not good."

Prince Charles to bask in LA show-biz limelight

LONDON (Reuter) – Prince Charles flies off this weekend to Los Angeles, the world show-business capital, leaving a debate raging over how to stop the royals turning into pure soap opera.

While the royal heir is away attending film premieres and charity pop concerts in the city of the stars, Britons will get their first chance to read in full his bombshell biography which has catapulted the monarchy into crisis.

In extracts already serialised, Charles admits adultery and portrays his wife Diana as a moody and immature woman, their marriage as loveless from the start and his parents as cold and distant.

Although public interest is huge, polls show most people disapprove of the prince's candor which exposed his family's squabbles and stripped the 1,000-year-old monarchy of what little mystique it had left.

"People already know more about Charles and his family than many know about their neighbors or even their own relatives," said the weekly *Economist* magazine.

The Guardian newspaper said the royal family had become a laughing stock. A new London theatre comedy showed the monarchy toppled and banished to a crime-ridden housing estate.

The polls also show that most Britons still favor the monarchy and see no reason why 45-year-old Charles should not become king, even if he does divorce his estranged wife.

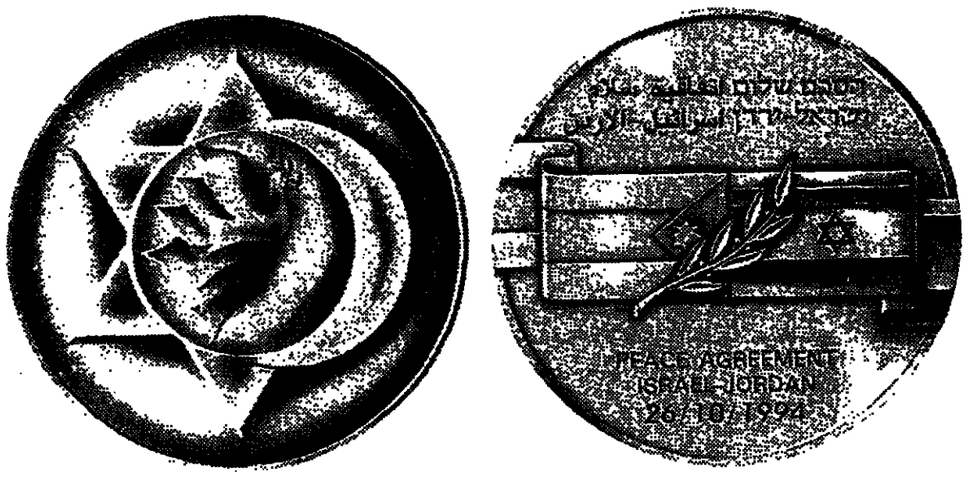
But two years of reports about Charles's sticky marriage have exacerbated the problem and patience with the badly behaved family is been running out.

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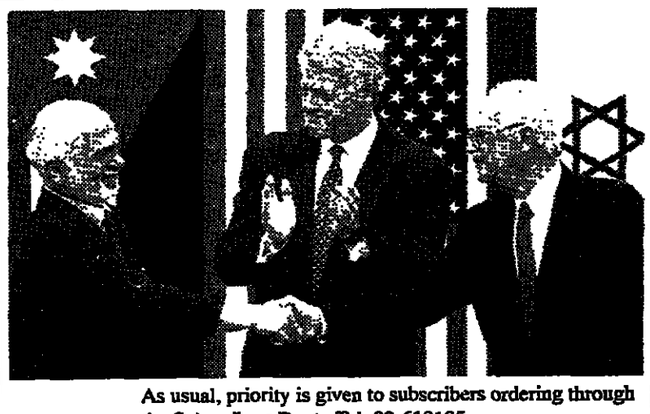
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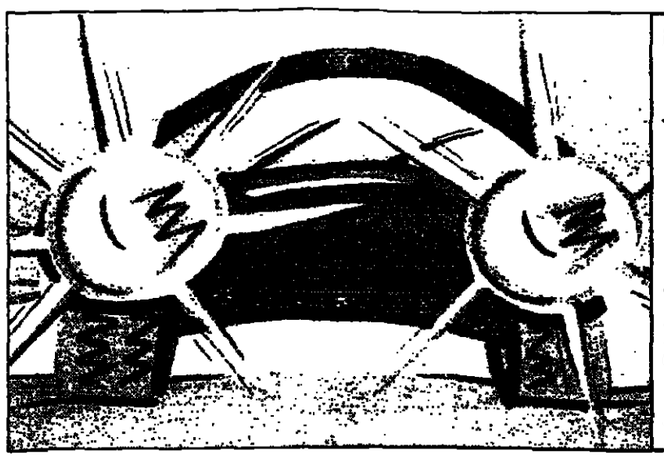


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Time to buy dollars?

COMMENT

NEIL COHEN

WHEN everyone is negative about something, it's usually the time – or close to the time – to buy it. So may be the case with the dollar, which has plunged in recent weeks.

You can take your pick of the reasons – "lack of confidence in the Clinton administration, which appears to have no clear dollar policy," as one analyst put it, the view that the Federal Reserve Board has not been acting forcefully enough to tame the pace of US economic growth and thereby thwart a spurt in the inflation rate, fears over the trade deficit, or worries over the congressional elections.

But basically everyone has been selling because everyone else has been selling. Currency movements have a powerful tendency to be the embodiment of self-fulfilling prophecies.

One morning, probably in the nottoo distant future, someone will wake up and decide the dollar is too cheap and start buying it, and then all kinds of good reasons will be found for the dollar to appreciate. After all, the US corporate sector has been reporting impressive profits, the economy is growing fast, the interest rate differential with European currencies has narrowed sharply and Treasury bond yields are at highs not seen for some time. Then everyone else will join in.

Direct insurance to kick off next month

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

DIRECT Insurance, a company jointly owned by Zur Shamir and Israel Corp. plans to begin direct marketing of automobile and home insurance at the start of November, the company's owners announced at a press conference yesterday.

Direct Insurance is the first company to market insurance directly to the customer in Israel, thus cutting out the cost of agents. Earlier this week, the company received a license from Finance Minister Avraham Shohat.

Muki Schneidman, managing director of Zur Shamir, said the company plans to invest heavily in attracting a client base. The company will embark on an advertising campaign within a few days. The policies will be sold by means of telemarketing and computer communications.

"We have spent the last two years preparing for the introduction of direct sales. So far, we have invested $2 million in infrastructure," said Schneidman. "The first year will be difficult. We expect to make profits only after two or three years." Direct Insurance's owners have invested NIS 40m. in the company.

At first, the company which employs 70 workers, plans to concentrate its activities mainly in the central part of the country.

Meir Shani, chairman of Direct Insurance, said "I'll be satisfied if we capture 2% of the home and automobile insurance market during the first year." Joshua Agassi, managing director of Direct Insurance, said direct insurance is expected to lead to a 20 percent decline in automobile insurance premiums and a 40% drop in home insurance costs.

Agassi said policies will be based on the actual risk of the insured individual as calculated by a computer model, rather than on the cross-subsidy provided by regular insurance policies. He said the company's policy is not to insure sports cars, racing cars, taxis and drivers who have had three car accidents in the last three years.

"We will not insure cars which do not fit in with our business concept. The same goes for drivers," said Agassi. "We don't have a set tariff but young drivers will pay more for automobile insurance than more experienced drivers and yound female drivers will pay less than young male drivers."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

'S' indicator inches up: The Bank of Israel's "S", or state of the economy indicator, inched up 0.1 percent in September, as the concentration of holidays throughout the month depressed economic activity.

Although the index is seasonally adjusted, the central bank's research department reported yesterday that given the unusual number of holidays in September this year, it was technically difficult to adjust the index fully.

During the first quarter of the year, the index rose 3.96% compared with 1.43% in the second quarter and 1.27% in the third quarter.

The Bank of Israel revised down July's index to 0.2% from 0.3% and August's index to 1% from 1.1%.

Judge rejects Lev Ofir appeal: Tel Aviv District Court Judge Uri Gorden yesterday rejected a petition against Israel Electric Corp. concerning a tender valued at $6 million. Judge Uri Goren denied the Lev Ofir group's appeal to prevent IEC from giving Nisco the tender to supply 18,000 electric meters for industry.

Tomato prices reach all-time high: The price of tomatoes has reached an all time high of NIS 9 per kilo to the consumer, the Ministry of Agriculture reported yesterday. The wholesale price of a kilo of tomatoes reaches NIS 7.5 for green house tomatoes and NIS 5 for for Dalia variety tomatoes, grown outside.

Mekorot Water Co. yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding with the Californian based G.P. Atkinson to establish joint projects. The agreement is based on the experience Mekorot has gained in establishing water factories from water reserves and supplying customers with water and G.P. Atkinson's experience in planning and managing engineering plants.

WORLD BRIEFS

ICI profits surge: Britain's Imperial Chemicals Industries Plc said yesterday third-quarter profits had surged and demand levels looked more promising than for some time.

ICI beat even the most bullish forecasts with pre-tax profit for the three months to September 30 of 143 million pounds ($233.6 million), against 90 million ($147 million) last time.

Analysts had hoped for up to 135 million pounds ($221 million). *Reuter*

US initial jobless claims down: Initial claims for state unemployment benefits edged down by 1,000 to 323,000 last week from a revised level of 324,000 the previous week, the Labour Department said Thursday.

The latest weekly total was nearly in line with predictions by Wall Street economists, who forecast initial claims of 322,000 for the Oct. 22 week.

Labor previously reported first-time claims for the Oct. 15 week at 326,000. *Reuter*

Daimler-Benz, Germany's largest industrial concern, said yesterday its sales in the first nine months of the year surged nine percent to more than 73 billion marks ($48.9 billion).

Sounding a confident note, the company said in an interim report: "We can expect further positive business development in the fourth quarter so that the annual sales of the Daimler group will exceed 100 billion marks ($66.77 billion) for the first time ever." *Reuter*

Committee extends ban on new pension funds until March

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved a bill extending the ban on new pension funds until the end of March, by a 5-2 coalition-opposition vote.

The bill also extends the rule that pension funds established after December 31, 1993 cannot receive special government bonds bearing 5.5% interest – considerably higher than the rates available on the capital markets. It will be brought to the plenum for its final reading on Monday.

The ban is meant to last only until the government prepares a comprehensive plan for pension reform. When the Treasury first imposed it last spring, it wanted it in force only until the end of the year. The Finance Committee, however, said even this was too long, and approved it only until the end of this month.

Now, however, the Treasury says it needs more time, because of the complexity of the issue.

The reason for the ban, the Treasury said, is the fear that the creation of new funds, with no actuarial deficits, might endanger the existing ones, and thereby the pensions of thousands of people. The existing funds, most of which are Histadrut-owned, have actuarial deficits totalling in the tens of billions of shekels.

The Treasury is also worried that people might switch into new funds from provident funds and life insurance plans in large numbers, causing shock waves on the capital markets.

Coalition MKs said they accepted the Treasury's arguments.

"It's worrying," admitted Elie Goldschmidt (Labor), that the Treasury asked for the extension – and refused to promise not to ask for another one in March – "but I think the threat of the High Court of Justice will force the government to finish by March 31."

Last week, the High Court rejected two petitions against the ban in a split decision, but its main reason was the ban's temporary nature.

Opposition MKs, however, attacked the extension.

The Treasury's fears are disproved by the fact that there are already a few private pension funds on the market, and the existing funds have not collapsed, said Ariel Weinstein (Likud). Furthermore, he said, any mass exodus from existing funds would be unlikely, because of the heavy financial penalty early withdrawal entails.

"The Histadrut pension funds are [virtually] a monopoly, and the Treasury is perpetuating the situation," he charged.

IIS takes $7m. charge, reports $6.9m. loss

RACHEL NEIMAN

INTELLIGENT Information Systems yesterday reported 1994 a third quarter loss of $6.9 million as compared with a net profit of $3.5m. for the comparable period in 1993. Revenues for the third quarter were $22.7m. as compared with $26m. for the same period last year.

IIS took a non-recurring charge of $7m., which it attributed to a provision for "spare parts obsolesence, mostly related to the mainframe service business." Sales of mainframe products as well as mainframe maintenance contracts, have been declining, the company said, at "accelerated rates."

"Revenues and operating results are in line with our expectations," said IIS CEO Jacob Herbst. "The expenses include integration of this year's acquisitions."

Herbst said the company intends to invest in expansion of its networking sales force and development of new products.

The company develops, manufactures and markets communications and networking products. IIS conducts business in the US under the name Decision Data.

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WORLD MARKET REPORTS

• Long US T-bond yields rose above 8% this week, without generating buying support. The tentative rallies in equity markets quickly faded. The fate of the US dollar & the T-bond market will be determined in the short-term by today's US 3rd quarter GDP figures. The consensus forecast is for 2.8% against 4.1% in the 2nd quarter. The US dollar is in a trap -if the figure is lower, the market will fear that the Federal Reserve will delay further the next interest rate rise; if higher, the market will demand higher rates than are now discounted. The next FOMC meeting is on Nov. 15, when the market expects the next rate increase of at least 50bps.

• Low volumes in most equity markets have left them vulnerable to speculative volatility from derivatives. The UK market is trying to steady at 3000, but is finding it difficult to advance in the face of govt. bond market weakness. However, our clients have renewed their buying interest in Cable & Wireless in front of interim results next month.

• In the Asia-Pacific Region, Hong Kong has bounced from an over-sold position, but our clients are not chasing the rally in the face of US uncertainties, though there is no substantial selling pressure. The Kuala Lumpur market is quiet in front of today's Budget, the index holding above the 1100 level. If the Budget is as business-friendly as expected, our clients will reinstate buying programmes in leaders, such as Sime Darby. The Singapore market is trapped within a narrow range, but the up-trend is still intact. Last week, we incorrectly quoted the Straits Trading price at S$3.04 - it should have read S$4.04 (recommended at S$3.78). It is trading at S$3.92, & still attracting buyers. The Bangkok market has had a good run on 3rd quarter results, & our clients are looking to buy Bangkok Bank on an expected correction.

• The South African markets have been very quiet, subject to diverging views on the timing of the abolition of the financial rand. SA Industrials have been attracting some international interest, particularly SA Breweries & Sasol. Golds still look vulnerable on bullion's inability to regain recent highs.

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South African Economic Statistics

			Prices 26.10.94	Prices 19.10.94	% Change
Exchange rates: (buy)	Commercial Rand/$	:	3.493	3.526	0.93%
	Financial Rand/$	:	3.955	3.982	0.68%
	Commercial Rand/£	:	5.711	5.703	-0.15%
Interest rates: (Ry)*	Money Market (BAs)	:	12.10%	11.95%	1.26%
	Escom 2008	:	15.84%	15.84%	0.00%
	Escom 2020	:	16.85%	16.88%	-0.18%
	RSA 150	:	15.52%	15.52%	0.00%
	UAL Max Income	:	14.97%	10.56%	41.76%
Prices: Units (buy)	OM Investors	:	R 41.8640	41.7167	0.35%
	Escom 168	:	69.42293	69.4391	-0.02%
	Guardbank	:	36.0507	35.7566	0.82%
	UAL Gilt	:	11.3903	11.355	0.731%
	UAL Max Income	:	10.096	10.0752	0.21%
Shares: (close)	De Beers	:	99.25	100.00	-0.75%
	Vaal Reef	:	429.00	435.00	-1.38%
	Anglo American	:	234.50	238.00	-1.47%
	Barlows	:	31:25	31.75	-1.57%
	SA Brews	:	91.00	87.00	4.60%
	Sasol	:	35.25	37.00	-4.73%
	Tiger Oats	:	47.00	43.75	7.43%
	Iscor	:	4.79	4.79	0.00%
	JSE Actuaries Overall	:	5,701	5,682	0.33%

*RY - running yield.

UAL Fund Managers Comments: "Bonds have been bought and sold forward at a future price, enabling the fund to earn full interest without risking capital value. This move reflects a still bearish view of the bond market, because of the potential abolition of the Financial Rand, which would lead to a further increase in interest rates, demanded by foreign investors."

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Gillerman: Speed up trade pact with Jordan

RACHEL NEIMAN

CHAMBERS of Commerce president Dan Gillerman yesterday called on the goverment to move rapidly towards signing an Israel-Jordan trade agreement.

Gillerman believes advancement of economic ties between the two countries will be the true basis of peace.

As compared with Israel's economic ties with Egypt, which have proceeded slowly, Gillerman said the economic agreement with Jordan could serve as a model for other nations in the Arab world.

Gillerman pointed out that the Jordanian market, although small, had bilateral preferential trade agreements with many Arab nations but was not a member of GATT. This would make Israel an attractive trade partner as of January 1995, but it should be approached prudently. "I am convinced," he said "that operation of a free trade zone with Jordan should be done gradually, because of Jordanian concern over competition with Israel and a conflict of interests for Israel with the EC and the US."

Gillerman also said he believed it was incumbent upon the Israeli business community to make contacts with their Jordanian counterparts. "Most of the dividends from peace with Jordan will be infrastructure development projects in the energy, water and tourism fields," he said.

Shohat okays expropriation of land near B-G Airport

JOSE ROSENFELD

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday signed an order allowing the government to expropriate 4,822 dunams in the area surrounding Ben-Gurion Airport.

Shohat signed an order based on the recommendations of the Israel Lands Authority (ILA) Advisory Board, headed by ILA director-general Uzi Vexler. After hearing the objections from the affected parties – owners of agricultural land – the board found that the public good requiring an adequate airport for the country overrode the harm done to the rights of the affected landowners.

The move is necessary for the government to carry out a $500 million expansion plan to accommodate an expected upswing in passenger and cargo traffic as a result of peace in the region. The expropriated lands will be used to accommodate a new passenger terminal, the development of a cargo and service area, the extension of runways and the construction of new roads and railroad tracks.

Most of the expropriated land is ILA-leased agricultural land. With the signing of the order, the leases will expire and the lessors will receive the compensation they are entitled to by law.

'Israel Index' debuts on American Exchange

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

THE "Israel Index" made its debut Wednesday on the American Stock Exchange, joining indexes for Japan, Hong Kong and Mexico.

The index is a weighted basket covering 11 Israeli companies that are listed on US exchanges. US investors buy options that speculate on the direction the index will take in the future.

The Israeli companies are: Ampal-American Israel Corp., Comverse Technology, ECI Telecom, Electronics For Imaging, Geotek Communications, IIS Intelligent Information Systems, Lannet Data Communications, Scitex Corp., Tadiran, Teledata Communication and Teva Pharmaceutical.

The index opened soon after the signing of the Israel-Jordan treaty. Its value promptly fell slightly.

Oil Refineries to continue catalytic converter project

RACHEL NEIMAN

OIL Refineries' board of directors announced yesterday it approved a development committee recommendation to continue its Catalytic Converter Reforming project.

Oil Refineries will invest $140 million in CCR over the next two years.

CCR had been frozen because of contractual problems relating to the company's obligation to return properties and lands to the government in the year 2003. The board of directors has decided investments made from now on will be on properties falling outside that category.

Following careful inspection of statistics for future transport fuel consumption in the next century, and the demand for high octane/lead-free fuel, Oil Refineries said, "there is every justification and economic need to erect CCR as soon as possible."

CCR will have a production capacity of some 1.1m. tons of 102 octane fuel per year, or approximately 27,000 barrels a day. Some 60 percent of the project's planning, construction and equipment will be executed by local firms, mainly in the north and the Haifa area.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (26.10.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.575	5.250	5.750
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.375	4.875	5.750
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.250	4.625
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.000	3.125	3.500
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.875	1.125

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (27.10.9)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.3880	3.4360	—	—	3.4136
U.S. dollar	2.9841	3.0262	2.93	3.07	3.0080
German mark	1.9961	2.0242	1.96	2.05	2.0116
Pound sterling	4.8850	4.9539	4.78	5.01	4.9227
French franc	0.5835	0.5917	0.56	0.60	0.5876
Japanese yen (100)	3.0891	3.1327	3.03	3.18	3.1082
Dutch florin	1.7816	1.8067	1.75	1.83	1.7949
Swiss franc	2.3949	2.4287	2.35	2.46	2.4103
Swedish krona	0.4212	0.4271	0.41	0.43	0.4245
Norwegian krone	0.4692	0.4856	0.45	0.47	0.4827
Danish krone	0.5111	0.5183	0.50	0.53	0.5150
Finnish mark	0.6561	0.6654	0.64	0.68	0.6632
Canadian dollar	2.2139	2.2441	2.17	2.28	2.2314
Australian dollar	2.2160	2.2473	2.15	2.27	2.2327
S. African rand	0.8529	0.8649	0.77	1.00	0.8599
Belgian franc (10)	0.9708	0.9845	0.95	1.00	0.9778
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8331	2.8731	2.78	2.92	2.8575
Italian lira (1000)	1.9555	1.9831	1.91	2.02	1.9692
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.17	4.43	4.2864
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.85	0.91	0.8776
ECU	3.8038	3.8575	—	—	3.8360
Irish punt	4.8193	4.8873	4.70	5.00	4.8548
Spanish pesata (100)	2.4001	2.4340	2.33	2.49	2.4166

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.0080	-0.33%
Sterling	NIS 4.9227	-0.05%
Mark	NIS 2.0116	-0.07%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3871.11	-22.68
DJ Transport	1494.92	+3.75
DJ Utils	177.63	-0.59
DJ Comp	1284.15	-1.18
NYSE Indust	352.59	-1.62
NYSE Transpori	231.4	-2.84
NYSE Comp	256.31	-1.4
S&P 100	431.16	-2.51
S&P Spot Index	465.28	-2.61
AMEX Comp	455.19	+1.66

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+712	1190	950
Volume up (in 1000's)			184416
Volume down (in 1000's)			120482

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3029.6	-29.7
Tokyo Nikkei Average	15796.3	-50
Singapore all-share index	580.6	-0.92
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9304.58	+52.14
Israeli Index	169.78	-0.79

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pac	48.125	
Ampal A	7.625	
Arpt	1.625	
BioTechnology	1.96875	-0.0625
Carmel Cont	8.375	
Fruitarom (electrochem)	3.1875	
Elscint	2.125	
Etz Lavud	8.75	
Etz Lavud A	7	-0.125
Laser T.	5.625	
PEC	36	+1.125
Tadiran	21.125	+0.5
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	9.375	+0.125
4TH. Dimension	6.625	-0.375
Ampal B.6	22	
BVR	5.375	
Comverse	13.5	
Data (Defense)	7.125	+0.06
ECI	19.875	-0.125
Edunetics	2.1875	
Edu-Soft	8.75	-0.25
Electric Fuel	9.5	
EPFI	24.875	+1.125
Elbit	20.5	
Elron	9	
Eshed Robotec	0.6875	
Fibronix	1.125	+0.0625
M. Systems	4.0625	
Gilat	13.75	+0.625
ISG	2	
Magiek	9.125	-0.375
Health Tech	2.03125	+0.03125
Ikan	0.4375	
IIS	2.9375	-0.0625
Indigo	17	
Insightech	20	
Isramco	1.25	-0.03125
First Isr Fund	13.25	-0.125
Istek	0.53125	-0.03125
Lannet	8.375	
Lanoptics	6	
Magal	4.5	-0.125
Medis-Al	2.875	
Mercury	13.875	+1.375
Magic	6.5	+0.5
Orbotech	8.75	-0.25
Orbop Tech	2.5	
Rada	3.5625	-0.1875
Robomatics	2.125	
Saplens	2.875	-0.25
Scitex	21.75	+0.375
Silicon	7.75	+0.375
T.A.T. Technol	3.125	+3
Taro Vit	6.25	-0.125
Teledata	5	+0.5
Telegraph	3.875	-0.125
Teva	27.0625	+0.1875
TVG	1.25	0

(All listings are closing quotes)

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd. (Data 28-OCT-94)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.597	-0.0002
	Dec.future (CME)	1.638	-0.0004
D-mare	spot	1.4957	+0.005
	Dec.future (CME)	0.6879	-0.00255
S-franc	spot	1.253	+0.0101
	Dec.future (CME)	0.8	-0.0054
Yen:	spot	98.95	+0.13
	Dec.future (CME)	0.010062	+0.008
CanDlr:	spot	1.3488	+0.0007
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7414	+0.0002
AusDlr:	spot	0.744	+0.0017
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7422	+0.0009
F-franc:	spot	5.128	+0.0265
It Lira:	spot	1529.6	-5
Mkr:	spot	1.677	+0.0075
AusShlg:	spot	10.535	-0.01
Rand:	spot	3.4975	-0.002
ECU:	spot	1.272	-0.0043
Bonds	future	97.375	+0.125
S and P	future	468.75	+2.4

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	-	-
Dollar	6 months	-	-
Dollar	12 months	-	-
Sterling	3 months	6	0
Sterling	6 months	-	-
Sterling	12 months	-	-
S-franc	3 months	-	-
S-franc	6 months	-	-
S-franc	12 months	-	-
D-mark	3 months	5 1/2	0
D-mark	6 months	-	-
D-mark	12 months	-	-
Yen	3 months	2.375	0
Yen	6 months	2.5625	+0.0625
Yen	12 months	-	-

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd. (Date 28-OCT-94)

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US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1350	+17
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	189.4	-1.4
Sugar no 11 (Mar.) (CEC)	12.89	+0.03
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	394.25	-6.75
Soybeans(Nov)(CBOT)	552.5	+4.5
Orange juice (N.Y.)(CEC	105.2*	-0.45
Crude oil light (Dec)(CEC)	16.15	+0.2

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	859	+9
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	3653	+39
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	1697	+10

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	388.75	-0.25
Silver:	spot	5.44	+0.05

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	390.2	-0.8
Silver (Dec)	5.447	+0.035
Platinum (Jan.)	427.8	+0.8
Palladium (Dec.)	161.9	+3.75
High-grade copper (Dec)	1.2335	+0.0135

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	389.9	+1.1
Gold PM fix	389.15	+0.25
Silver fix	5.06 $	+$
Platinum PM fix	423.25	+1.25

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date*

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd. (Data 28-OCT-94)

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Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FirstW2	3353	
Discount	9038	
IndDevDD		
IndDevPD		
LoanWt1		
MizrC	210	
OHN	118250	
Tefahot	739	-0.5
TrustC	189.50	

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Azorim	346466	
Carmel	732	
CarmDD2	257	
DevelMB	19961	-0.2
FirstMB	39740	
IndepMB	68005	0.7
I Tem5	127.50	
JemBnk	314	
LoanMBR	99440	2.5
Mishkan	209.40	
NeshKarC	190.00	0.3
Mizmr	6787	1.2
TefahotR	192745	-1.5

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shiton	8109	

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
Ararat rt1	1435	
Ararat	1399	4.0
Ayalon	788	-2.0
AyalonC	458	-0.4
Eliton	303	0.3
EliconC1	195.50	
Hadarl	1162	1.0
Hadar5	1090	-0.3
HamashbrC	203	1.3
Hamashbr1	1455	1.5
Hamashbr5	1408	
Menorah1	1064	0.3
Menorah5	1030	
Phoenix1	2389	-1.0
Phoenix5	2258	-8.0
Sahar	498	
Zion5	9106	0.3

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
hasharav	576	
Hasharav	1367	-1.0
Baran	1967	
BezekW2	191.00	0.5
BrdWrt-C1	132.50	1.1
BrdWrt-C2	157.00	0.4
BrdWrt1 L	3972	
Cellcom1	66287	-0.2
Clal Comp	16821	1.5
ClalCmpC	159.00	
ClalTrWS	146.50	3.8
CorBeach	2153	1.3
CoOp	1380	
Crystal	1975	-0.3
DanHotl	2816	0.7
DCL	707	-3.0
DCLW	243	-0.4
Elad	194.50	
Feldman	175.00	0.9
GanHadiz	245	1.2
GanHadC	205	1.0
Gazit92	182.00	
GrandC1	114.50	-0.4
GrandW2	135.50	
HdGlC1	129.50	
HGBW1	145.50	
HGlh	477	-3.2
Intgamat	4028	1.5
Intgamas	3503	2.0
Lntst	1382	
Malbi	1078	-1.5
Mediseh	546	
MedicalW	967	
Ofra	1089	
MLLC1	169.00	0.6
Russac	1767	
Rosner	86.00	4.9
ReshelC1	101.50	
Team	3788	2.0
TeamC1	181.50	1.1
TeamC2		
Telsys	1251	
Teuza	330	-1.5
YaadC1	118.50	0.9
Yaoza	1306	
Yocsi	253	
Yrcsi	634	1.3

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
Ashtrom	252	-2.3
Electrade	2098	1.3
Elron	491	-0.2
Elscint	456	
Hadar	231	
Hoogar	468	-2.3
Ituran	124.50	0.4
AshtromC2	13.80	
Alumtrg	1268	0.2
Alony	329	
AlonyW1		
Alumn11L	13530	
Angel	11771	5.0
Argaman	593	-0.5
AyalC1	87.50	1.7
Ashply	2284	
Ashphy1	174.00	0.3
AshphyW2	1292	
AsrtmW1		
Asrtrom	445	2.5
Atzmon	378	
AtzmonW1	224	
Azorim	2450	1.7
Bellmon	531	2.5
BoulosC1	203	0.5
Cables C2	281	-1.4
CablesC3	123.50	0.4
CablesW3	366	-2.1
Carelline	1229	
Cargal	1650	1.0
Casino	1638	-0.5
Chaim	568	
ClalSrC	272	
ClalSrD 1	2190	
Clnd Cs	205	-1.0
CyclotronW	2185	
Cyclotron1	12203	2.2
Cyclotron5	9090	
CyclonC1	153.00	2.0
CyclonC2	127.00	
Delfarmcr	181.00	
DelfrmW2	1856	-1.0
Delrom1	3884	1.5
Decision	518	0.6
Degem1	1174	-0.3
Delta 1	1707	5.2
Delta3	1638	4.3
DubekB	10979	
DubekR	11430	
EagleC		
EagleC1	45.00	
EagleW3	36.50	
Eagle1	92.00	
Edgar	327	-0.6
EdgarCc	134.50	1.1
ElcanTec	74.50	-3.2
ElbitW1	11720	-0.2
Elcbrd	5557	
Elctrnes	868	1.1
ElctrnW1	3.50	
Elctr 0.5	6995	
ElectroG4	307	
ElecCc	291	3.6
ElmdRsac	401	-1.0
Evrel	364	-2.0
Fentbr5	2188	-0.2
Fentb_1	2513	
FeuchtW1	5456	4.8
FeuchtW5	5978	6.8
Fms J	389	-4.3
FrutarC1	211	1.8
FrutarC2	197.50	5.5
GiborC1	90.00	9.8
GiborSab	516	10.0
GiborW2	509	
Golan	1335	
Harmas1	24300	-0.7
Hirshon1	475	
Hatehot5	200	-1.0
Hod	341	
Hotl	148.50	3.2
IscCon1	3900	
Isf-ora	751	0.5
Kadmany1	333	2.1
Kedem	3933	
KedemC2	175.00	
Kelar	556	5.1
KlarnC1	139.00	0.4
KlarnW1		
Klil	2845	1.0
Kll5	2614	1.5
Lipsa	2511	4.0
Lodzia1	1339	-2.0
Lodzia-1	1198	3.0
LuhgGal	320	
MacPell	323	-0.6
Magam	464	0.4
Maxima1	1267	
Maxima5	1334	-1.0
Mei Eden	1037	0.3
Meidgal	988	
Mizrach1	441	-1.2
MizrachS	415	
NegCeram	338	-2.0
Nelhshr1	1143	0.5
NelhshR5	1143	
Nirvel	1429	1.0
NeviotW1		
Nice1	1920	2.5
NMC	491	
Ofek	1088	
Ophir	276	2.6
Orbit1	342	-0.6
Orlog	503	0.2
PackerW2	7888	-0.3
Paged	2134	-0.2
PazChen	548	-1.3
Plcg	853	1.5
PolgatA	423	-0.2
PolgatC1	185.00	-2.4
Polygon	737	2.9
PolygonC	169.00	
PCB	854	0.9
Rabinzer	722	-0.3
RabmotW	233	-2.9
Sanfor1	1427	3.2
Sanot	1312	1.2
Sefen	564	
Shamen	11534	
Sparos	395	
Stees	201	-1.0
Sunfrost	10096	1.5
Taal	49687	
Tadiran	1155	
Telsen	1158	0.5
Tnr	831	
Tshast1	399	1.0
Topper	249	
TAYC1	197.00	
TAT1	470	
Unitarl1	1378	
Unitarl5	408	
Vaalgot	781	5.0
Vulcan	243	
VulcanC	161.50	0.3
Wardmon	17870	0.5
WardmonW3	10911	-0.7
YizrngC2	401	0.5
Zahavi	339	
Zikit1	1899	1.0
Zikit5	1703	1.5
Zion1	4897	2.5
Zion5	4536	1.3
ZionCab1	1086	
Zohar rd	595	

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
Jacobshr	239	
Isrsd	388	-1.3
Izrtah	538	-2.0
watson	92530	
Isrbeng	214	0.5
Jkrtv	2081	1.0
ArrowC		
ArrowW1L	591	
Arzam	367	
Arazm C1	174.50	0.3
Artzitan1	1372	
Asaia	2595	-1.0
AssisC1	180.50	-0.3
AssisW2	1298	-0.2
Assuta	1184	
AssutaC1	240	
AzorimC1	258	0.4
AzorProp	642	0.8
Barano1	1587	
Bayside5	92755	0.3
BayvaC1	34837	1.0
BenYehGar	3698	-0.2
BenYehW1	1191	-0.5
BenYhanC	94.50	
BldgRes	4901	0.5
Control	1827	0.3
BlankKnar	1759	
BlankKanC	170.00	1.5
Darad1	284	1.4
Dunbar	5967	
DunbarCw	418	
Engel	663	-0.3
GoldHaus	348	
GldHousC	192.00	
Isprd	3093	5.5
Isrdam	20353	3.7
IsrelomC	220	-0.5
IsrasC1	190.50	1.1
Israel3.5	5446	2.0
Israel	5821	0.5
ICP5	23139	3.0
Jaysour1	248	
Jordan	412	-6.2
LazkiC1	105.00	
Lazmark	265	-2.6
LilzhizS	204	-1.5
Lumr1	4236	-0.3
MalibuC		
MalibuC2	114.50	
Malibu1	986	0.5
MarLuxC	244	
MarLuxC2	93.00	0.5
MarLuxW3	313	-0.6
Menrav	9000	-2.5
Metmrael	3223	
MTM	3355	2.0
NectAviv	1761	-0.5
PnCr	7320	0.8
RecSha	702	
RogowtnL	1129	-2.8
RogovtnS	1697	1.5
Rotem	485	2.8
SahamNat		
Sasom	333	0.5
Shaked	588	-4.5
Teshuc	829	

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Isye	1376	
Ackers1	1165	-3.0
Ackers2	1093	-2.2
AfrarC	915	2.2
Amps	135113	
Arad	7347	
Azr aC2	210	1.9
ClalW3	3152	
Clal50	8731	
DanbarC	211	-1.9
Danbar1	3353	-3.0
Elbrn	3931	4.0
Elran	2938	-0.4
ExportC4	3277	1.1
Hilan	429	1.4
HilanW4	309	-3.1
Hirsn5	7778	-2.3
Iscar	1819	-2.2
IDLC6	1182.00	0.8
JoeIC1	172.50	
JoeIC1A	172.00	
Kardan1	558	0.7
KardanG2		
Kesf	535	
Magor1	2643	5.0
Magor5	2329	
Mclet	835	-8.9
OclC1	129.00	0.4
OclW1	5424	
Otrs	13254	-0.2
Pama0.1	1398	
Rim1	510	
Rim4	438	5.0
SelfanDev	2622	-1.0
Securits	3089	1.0
SecuritsC	129.00	-0.4
SecuritsW	940	
SAPAN-HASP	980	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
DRODEx1	2977	
Naphtha	36.30	

Two-sided trading

Name	Price	% Change	Volume	Price	% Change	Volume
	AFTERNOON			MORNING		
buildpr	681	1.2	1800	680	1.0	8860
nacional	1527	-1.0	12000	1542		9837
Ablac	39.5	-5.0	630000	41.6		625368
Ackerin	570	1.0	18000	568	0.7	13693
Adacom	36.5			36.5		
Afris 0	443595	1.7	228	435966		80
Afrisr	424002	1.5	180	417736		94
Agan	4471	0.7	4000	4449	0.2	3258
Agis	2438	0.7	4800	2438	0.7	15621
Aryt	530	4.0	37800	519	1.8	15027
Avner	9.1	-2.7	600000	9.2	-2.1	1000000
Azorim	4862	2.0	23200	4767		9489
ALPM	14718	1.2	480	14681	1.0	960
Bezek	583	2.0	525000	579	1.2	118428
Boulo	266	-0.5	49500	280	-2.6	15694
Cables	1683	1.7	3000	1667	2.0	8328
Clal Ele	31373	1.5	1350	30988	0.2	1383
Clal Tra	1107	1.7	49500	1096	0.7	18221
Clal 10	9559	2.0	12800	9489	1.2	2281
Clalins	1388	0.5	27000	1381		1869
Cldstr 5	2312	1.0	21000	2289		1531
Clinds	2065	1.7	117600	2039	0.5	25313
CohenDev	905	1.5	9000	896	0.4	10289
Danbar 5	2404	-0.5	2100	2404	-0.5	4630
Dead Sea	885	3.0	176000	848	1.0	40955
Delek	8655	2.0	9800	8512	1.5	2816
Discinv	23250	1.2	6300	23135	0.7	2726
Elbit	23496	1.5	8280	23207	0.3	1462
Elco	5767	2.2	4640	9600	0.5	2987
Elite 5	1611	1.7	26000	1615	2.0	15581
Elron	9401	1.0	6450	9308		4950
Evergr n	2610	1.0	5500	2584		4088
Export	1813	0.2	5600	1799	-0.5	5474
Fibi	47608	2.2	885	47142	1.3	568
Formula	1339	0.5	3000	1332		8034
Frstint1	35126	0.2	150	35098		326
Frstint5	33394	0.7	550	33311	0.5	316
Frutarom	1175	0.5	152000	1169		88154
	Gahelet I 8859	0.7	1000	8818		313
Granit	527	-0.2	12000	528		15532
Hapoalm	441	2.0	315000	436	0.9	155838
Hapolm	9123	0.5	5100	9078		4426
IndBldg	450	0.2	184000	449		109157
IndDevBK	32272			32272		143
Isramco	11.9	-10.0	22400000	13.2		3588168
IsrCorp1	25512	0.7	2520	25322		2130
IsrCorp5	25029	0.5	380	24904		260
IsChem	283	2.5	1911000	280	1.4	304497
IDB	1180	2.2	195000	1168	1.2	43423
IDBDev	65386	1.7	1750	65366	1.7	289
ILDC	1397	3.0	136900	1363	0.5	30058
JEC	1428	1.7	22800	1403		8340
JOEL	195.0	-2.0	366000	199.0		218358
Kardan5	541	3.5		541	3.4	25383
Kitan	1157	1.0	31200	1155	0.8	18105
Koor	25027	2.7	19725	24722	1.5	1945
Leumi	342	2.7	195000	338	1.5	59375
Lifshtz1	256	-3.2		256	-3.4	24855
Mekhtesh	1634	2.2	34000	1638	2.5	5320
Malibu5	1003	1.0	30600	993		22719
Maman	916	0.5	74000	911		34977
Marit1	2989	0.7	15600	2967		4691
Mashov	346	-2.2	100000	350	-1.1	92940
Mehadrin	16655		900	16655		187
MekrEzra	4056	2.2	15750	3977	0.3	8485
Mivtah	1287	-1.2	2400	1290	-1.0	10468
Multlock	1875	-0.5	1800	1875	-0.5	11830
MGN5	6840			6840		983
MLL1	535			535		4084
NatnlDS	14.8	-8.2	1360000	15.0	-5.7	914670
Oclf	9690	2.0	2340	9490		2147
Ormat	770	3.5	130000	744		14951
Osem	2068	4.0	54000	2008	1.0	5083
OsemW1						
PazoilEx	184.5	-0.2	40000	185.0		84214
Pecker	12723	0.5	3000	12680		453
Pericles	2483	0.7	6800	2483	0.7	5373
Petrchem	1268	-1.0	144000	1268	-1.0	70611
Phryon	13891	0.2	600	13856		796
PolgatB	438	-0.5	18000	437	-0.7	31101
Poseidon	140.5	0.2	8000	140.5	0.4	48005
Rogosin	4388	4.5	43200	4199		11743
SelfaPump	190.5	2.0	240000	187.5	0.3	170092
SupersB	5587	2.5	23000	5519	1.2	1076
Tambous	762	-2.7	6000	762	-2.8	30012
TefahotB	194701	0.2	48	194215		86
Tempo1	1769	2.2	68400	1730		34970
Teva	81901	-0.2	3020	81695	-0.5	1287
TevaC	452	0.5		452	0.4	43331
Tibnveal	655	-4.5	4500	652	-5.0	20302
TATS	407	0.5	24000	405		58411
Urdan 0	403	0.5	16000	401		14887
Ysad	745	-0.5	4000	742	-0.9	5343
Ytong	969	1.2	46000	957		5995

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Name	Price	chg

NEW YORK

AMP Inc	76	-0.75
AMR Corp	52.875	+2
ASA	20	-0.5
Abbott Labs	30.75	+0.625
Acme Cleveland	13.375	+0
Advanced Micro	25.625	+1.125
Aetna Life	45.25	+0.125
Affiliated Publ	9.5	+0
Ailac	33.75	+1.5
Amerlanson (HF)	18.875	+0.375
Air Prods	45.5	+0.625
Alberto-Culv B	24.375	+0.375
Albertson's	29.375	+0
Alcan Aluminum	27	-0.125
Alco Standard	57.625	+0
Allen & Allen	19.5	+0
Allegheny Power	20.625	-0.25
Allied Signal	34.375	-0.125
Alcoa	57	+0
Amax	29.5	+0.125
Amdahl Corp	10.125	+0.125
Amerada Hess	48.375	+1.125
Amer Brands	35.875	+0.75
Amer Cyanamid	56.625	-0.375
Amer El Power	31.625	+0.25
Amer Express	30.625	+1
Amer Gen Corp	37.25	+0.375
Amer Greeting	27.375	+0.75
Amer Home Pr	62.375	+0.625
Amer Int'l	90.25	+0.5
Amer Natl Ins	47	+0.5
Amer Stores	26.375	+0.125
Amer T & T	53.125	+0.625
Amerntech	39.75	+0.125
Ameritk Inc	18.375	+0.25
Amoco	61.625	+0.75
Analog Devices	34.625	+1.25
Anheuser-Busch	50.75	+0.125
Aon Corp	31.375	-0.375
Apple Computer	42.75	+0.5
Archer Daniels	29.5	+0.625
Arkla	-	-
Armco	8.75	+0.125
Armstrong World	41	-0.125
Asarco	39.75	-0.625
Ashland Oil	39.375	+1
Atlantic Richfld	108.375	+2.25
Auto Data Pro	56.25	+0.25
Autodesk	67.75	+1.75
Avery Dennison	33.5	+0.125
Avnet Inc	36.5	+0.25
Avon Products	61.375	+1
Bamco Corp	3.875	-0.125
Bauer Hughes	19.25	-0.25
Ball Corp	28	+0
Baily	6.5	-0.25
Baltimore Gas	22.625	-0.25
Banc One Corp	37.75	+0.375
Bandag	38.75	+0
Bank-America	42.625	+0.25
Bank of Boston	27.875	+0.625
Bank of New Yk	31.375	+0.375
Bankers Trst NY	68.375	+0.375
Barnes Banks	40.875	+0.125
Battle Mount Gd	11.75	-0.5
Bausch & Lomb	32	+1
Baxter Int	25.625	+0.75
Becton Dickinson	47.875	+0.25
Bell Atlantic	51.5	+1.375
Bell Industries	19.625	+0
BellSouth	51.5	+0.625
HA Belo Corp	54.375	+0.875
Beneficial Corp	39.125	+0
Bethlehem Steel	18.375	-0.25
Beverly Entprs	14.875	-0.125
Black & Decker	24.375	+0.375
Boeing	43.5	+0.25
Boise Cascade	39.75	+0
Borden Inc	13.625	+0
Bowater Ind	39.125	-0.125
Briggs & Stratn	68.375	+1.375
Bristol Myrs Sqb	57.5	+0.375
Brt Airwys ADR	56.375	-0.875
BP ADR	62.125	+1.25
Brt Steel ADR	29	+0.375
Brt Telecom	31.625	+1.125
Broadway Stores	11.375	+0.125
Brooklyn Union	23.5	-0.125
Brown Group	30.375	-0.625
Brown & Sharpe	7.25	+0.125
Browning Ferris	30.5	+0.5
Brunswick	20	-0.25
Burlington Nthn	80.125	-0.375
CBI Inds	33.125	+0
CBS Inc	97.125	+0.625
CMS Energy Corp	22.125	+0.25
CPC Internt	52.125	+0.375
CSX Corporation	71	+0.5
Cabot Corp	27.5	+0.125
Campbell Soup	40.5	-0.375
Capital Cit ABC	81.625	+1
Carolina Pwr Lt	25.625	+0.125
Carpenter Tech	56.5	+0.5
Caterpillar	67.625	+0.5
Centerior Energy	8.375	-0.125
Centex Corp	22.375	-0.25
Central & SW	21.75	+0.125
Cerdjan	25.625	+0.125
Champion Int	30.875	+0.5
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Friday, October 28

Jerusalem: Kupat Holim Clalit, Straus A, 3 Avigdori, 706660; Balsam, Salah e-Din, 272315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 810108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.
Tel Aviv: Pe'er Market, 61 Yehuda Hayamit, Jaffa, 8822973; Benny, 174 Dizengoff, 5222386.
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Saturday, October 29

Jerusalem: (day) Amona, 9 Leib Yaffe, 731901; (evening) Kupat Holim Clalit, Straus A, 3 Avigdori, 706660; (day and evening) Balsam, Salah e-Din, 272315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 810108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.
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Friday, October 28

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Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv Medical Center (pediatrics, internal), Ichilov (surgery).
Netanya: Laniado.

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If you feel that you have the necessary motivation in this field, and are prepared to devote your talents and energies to your country's foreign service, you are invited to submit your candidacy for the Ministry's training courses.

The Foreign Service is becoming continuously more professional. New posts are being created in the administration of representative and head-office units, in research and diplomatic links with Arab states and the Islamic world, and in politico-economic work. Training also continues in preparation for work in traditional diplomatic posts.

Applications are now being accepted from candidates whose academic training in one or more fields of the humanities and social sciences, natural science and technology, and law qualify them for work in the Foreign Service, where professional expertise in specific fields must be combined with general *knowledge of a wide range of subjects.*

Candidates must demonstrate intellectual curiosity and independence, ability to understand and analyze political and economic issues, a background in culture, command of languages, inter-personal skills, team-work abilities, initiative and executive abilities.

In order to find personnel who meet these qualifications, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with the *Civil Service Commission, has established careful screening procedures.*

Tenders designed to recruit the staff needed by the Ministry will be found below. Those interested are recommended to think carefully about their suitability for the various tracks offered, and submit their candidacy for training in the field most appropriate to their abilities and interests.

At the beginning of November, meetings will be held at the universities, in order to provide as much information as possible on the Foreign Service and the various training tracks. (For details, check university notice boards.)

The selection process is divided into stages, and will take about nine months from the date of publication of the tenders. Candidates who meet the requirements will be invited to join one of the courses.

Candidates will undergo a two-year training period - a study course of four and a half months, followed by specialized training and practical work in the departments of the Ministry.

Trainees who successfully complete the training will be posted to embassies and consulates abroad, or to a unit of the Ministry in Israel. Candidates must be prepared to accept any post in Israel or abroad, including those in countries in which living conditions are difficult.

You are invited to come into the center of the Israel experience, at this time when Israel is rounding a corner in international relations, new horizons in diplomacy can be glimpsed, and the face of the Middle East is being refashioned, for an age of peace.

Career Diplomat in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Cadet)

Tender No. MK 1/95

Post Description
General training in the special activities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, such as political, politico-economic, and politico-legal affairs, media and communications, research, geography, cultural affairs, as well as general training in administration in the Ministry, administration at overseas mission, consular affairs, personnel, computers, financial control, property management and budgeting.
During training, those accepted will participate in a basic course and an apprenticeship period in various units of the Ministry. After two years, if the trainee meets the requirements, he/she will join Israel's Foreign Service.
Grade: 35-38 on the academic (humanities) scale.
Conditions of Employment
a. During the training period, the trainee will be employed on a special contract, with a fixed salary.
b. All trainees will receive a standing loan, which will become a grant, after five years' continuous service.
Qualifications Required:
a. Full academic education - at least a Bachelor or Arts/Science degree (see Para. E below).
b. Familiarity with political problems, and other general subjects, including economics and Israel's economy, Judaism, the Middle East, history, geography, society and the state, international law, culture and art, administration, computers, analytical ability, negotiating ability, ability for information work and for self-expression in writing and orally, perfect written and spoken Hebrew, a command of English, including fluent spoken English. Knowledge of another language desirable: Arabic, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Hungarian, Czech, Polish, Turkish, or Georgian.
c. Age: Up to 33.
d. Medical and security checks.
e. Israeli citizenship, including spouse.
f. The selection process of the Civil Service Commission includes the candidates taking written examinations, and being examined at assessment centers and by examination boards. (Notice of the dates of these examinations will be sent to applicants.)

Career Administrators in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Cadet)

Tender No. MK 2/95

Post Description
General study of the administrative work of the Min. of Foreign Affairs, in the following fields: personnel resources, welfare and family matters, accounting, financial management, computer work and communications, and property and other consular subjects.
Grade: 35-38 on the academic (humanities) scale.

Conditions of Employment
a. During the training period, the trainee will be employed on a special contract, with a fixed salary.
b. All trainees will receive a standing loan, which will become a grant, after five years' continuous service.

Qualifications Required:
a. Full academic education - at least a Bachelor or Arts/Science degree (see Para. E below).
b. Negotiating ability, ability for written and oral self-expression, perfect written and spoken Hebrew, command (including fluent speaking ability) of English, Arabic, French, Spanish or German.
c. Age: Up to 33.
d. Medical and security checks.
e. Israeli citizenship, including spouse.
f. The selection process of the Civil Service Commission includes the candidates taking written examinations, and being examined at assessment centers and by examination boards. (Notice of the dates of these examinations will be sent to applicants.)

Middle East Specialists in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Cadet)

Tender No. MK 3/95

Post Description
The course will focus on political and research aspects of the Middle East, and will train participants in international law and in political and general fields.
During training, those accepted will participate in a basic course and an apprenticeship period in various units of the Ministry, concerned with the Middle East. After two years, if the trainee meets the requirements, he/she will join Israel's Foreign Service.
Grade: 35-38 on the academic (humanities) scale.
Conditions of Employment
a. During the training period, the trainee will be employed on a special contract, with a fixed salary.
b. All trainees will receive a standing loan, which will become a grant, after five years' continuous service.
Qualifications Required:
a. Full academic education - at least a Bachelor or Arts/Science degree (see Para. E below).
b. Perfect written and spoken Hebrew, and a very good command of Arabic and English, ability to write summaries and assessments, and ability to make oral analyses. Preference will be given to candidates with research experience.
c. Familiarity with political problems, and other general subjects, including Judaism, history, geography, society and the state, economics and Israel's economy, administration, international law, computers, culture and art, negotiating ability, and ability for information work and for self-expression in writing and orally. Knowledge of another language desirable: Turkish, Persian, French, Spanish, German, Russian, or any other foreign language.
c. Age: Up to 33.
d. Medical and security checks.
e. Israeli citizenship, including spouse.
f. The selection process of the Civil Service Commission includes the candidates taking written examinations, and being examined at assessment centers and by examination boards. (Notice of the dates of these examinations will be sent to applicants.)

Economics and International Cooperation Specialists in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Cadet)

Tender No. MK 4/95

Post Description
The course will focus on the economy of Israel, international economics and trade, international cooperation, international economic organizations, and economic aspects of the Middle East. A general study will also be made of other work of the Ministry's departments.
Grade: 35-38 on the academic (humanities) scale.

Conditions of Employment
a. During the training period, the trainee will be employed on a special contract, with a fixed salary.
b. All trainees will receive a standing loan, which will become a grant, after five years' continuous service.

Qualifications Required:
a. Full academic education - at least a Bachelor or Arts/Science degree (see Para. E below).
b. Familiarity with Israel's economy and business scene, political problems, Judaism, the Middle East, history, geography, society and the state, international law, culture and the arts, administration, development of abilities for analysis, negotiating, informational activities, and self-expression in writing and orally. Perfect knowledge of written and spoken Hebrew, and a command of English, including the ability to speak fluently. Knowledge of other languages desirable.
c. Age: Up to 33.
d. Medical and security checks.
e. Israeli citizenship, including spouse.
f. The selection process of the Civil Service Commission includes the candidates taking written examinations, and being examined at assessment centers and by examination boards. (Notice of the dates of these examinations will be sent to applicants.)

Notes to the Four Tenders

A. Trainees who pass the acceptance examinations will, on conclusion of the training period, join the Foreign Service. They must be prepared to accept any post in Israel or abroad, including posts in countries in which service conditions are difficult.
B. Accepted applicants who are tenured civil servants will, during the period of basic and specialized training, receive an acting appointment (with the agreement of their supervisor, in the ministry in which they are employed).
C. If someone applies for more than one tender and the selection process shows that he is suitable for training, the Ministry will decide in which course to place him, in line with the needs of the Ministry.
D. The right is reserved to remove a trainee from the course or from specialized training, if he is found unsuitable.
E. Persons who do not hold a degree, but who are studying for a Bachelor's degree, to be awarded at the end of the 1995 academic year, are eligible to apply. Such a candidate must, when applying, submit confirmation that he is in the last year of a degree course. If accepted, acceptance will be provisional, until he submits confirmation of the award of his degree, and this not later than October 31, 1995.
F. Applications are to be made on Form Madaf 2115, to which must be attached authenticated copies of the documents required, a curriculum vitae, and two photographs. The form may be submitted to any district office of the Civil Service Commission:
Jerusalem - Hakirya, 3 Rehov Kaplan, P.O.B. 34076, Jerusalem 91340
Tel Aviv - Hakirya, 10 Rehov Kalman Magen, Tel Aviv 61070
Haifa - 11 Rehov Hassan Shukri, Haifa 33105
Beersheba - 136 Rehov Hebalutz, P.O.B. 10050, Beersheba
Form 2115 can be obtained from any of the above offices, and from local government council offices. A soldier may, if he wishes, submit an application in the form of an ordinary letter, in which case, he should provide a brief statement, giving personal details, and particulars of his education and experience.
G. In this notice, all references to the masculine include the feminine. Equal opportunity will be given to men and women with suitable qualifications, in competition for any given position.
H. Candidates should ensure that their applications, complete in all respects, with the required authenticated copies of documents and with any other document they wish to attach (with a faithful translation into Hebrew of documents in a foreign language) should reach the Civil Service Commission as soon as possible, but in any case not later than the date given at the end of this notice, failing which they will not be considered.
I. A trainee who withdraws from a basic course or from specialized training before the end, on his own initiative, will return the standing loan and pay the course expenses, for the period in which he participated.
J. During the course, trainees who live outside Jerusalem will be entitled to living expenses and, during the specialized training period in Israel, such trainees will receive traveling expenses or assistance in paying rent, at a rate determined by the Civil Service Commission.

Courses are expected to open in August, 1995

Last date for submitting applications: November 22, 1994

Cowboys' Williams likely out for season

IRVING (AP) – The defending champion Dallas Cowboys' charge to a third consecutive Super Bowl took a severe jolt when star offensive lineman Erik Williams was hurt in a car accident that likely will sideline him until next year.

"He'll have the opportunity to play again but I doubt it'll be this year," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said after visiting Williams in the hospital. "In my opinion he's going to need reconstruction of the right knee. Thank God he's alive."

Williams sustained a damaged right knee in an early-morning accident on Wednesday, as well as a broken rib, torn ligaments in his left thumb and facial lacerations that required plastic surgery.

An MRI test on the knee indicated two torn ligaments (medial collateral and posterior cruciate) and a torn muscle. A decision regarding knee surgery will be made after four to six weeks.

The only good news for the Cowboys following their 28-21 victory over the Arizona Cardinals was the status of quarterback Troy Aikman, who suffered a concussion in the first quarter.

"I'll play on Sunday against Cincinnati," said Aikman, who underwent an MRI that was negative. "This is one of the minor ones (concussion) that I've had."

Aikman, who has had four concussions with the Cowboys and six overall going back to his high school days in Oklahoma, will play behind a patchwork offensive line. Rookie Larry Allen will replace Williams at right tackle. It's a position Allen has never played. He started at left tackle earlier in the season.

Also nursing injuries on the offensive line are left tackle Mark Tuinei, center Mark Stepnoski, and Nate Newton. They are expected to play.

Tight end Jay Novacek will likely miss the game against the Bengals because of a possibly torn abdominal muscle, giving Aikman two less veterans in the offensive line.

"I'm playing, I don't care if we have five high school guys out there," said Aikman.

Coleman Bell will be activated from the practice squad to take Novacek's place if needed.

Williams was spared further injury because of the air bag in his Mercedes.

"It was a sad morning for all of us," said scouting director Larry Lacewell. "We're fortunate the injury wasn't worse."

Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith arrived at the scene of the accident on the North Dallas Tollway shortly after it occurred about 3 am.

"He was still in the car when I got there," Smith said. "I helped get him out of the car. I was very shaky. I was just praying he was going to be OK. He's one of my best friends. He told me, 'I'm all right. I'm all right.' "

Williams, 26, was to spend the night at Parkland Memorial Hospital and doctors would decide Tuesday when he could go home.

"I have no firm answer when Erik will be able to play again," said Dallas trainer Kevin O'Neill.

Williams's car hit a guardrail as he was heading onto the tollway from Interstate 635, Department of Public Safety officials said. He was heading home from a dance club, where several players had gone after returning to Dallas from a game in Arizona.

Williams's car was heavily damaged, witnesses said. Skid marks on the highway led to track marks alongside an embankment.

Holmes to challenge McCall

NEW YORK (AP) – Larry Holmes, who turns 45 in a week, will challenge WBC heavyweight champion Oliver McCall on January 21.

"I deserve this opportunity because I didn't sit there and wait like George Foreman," said Holmes, the WBC or IBF heavyweight champion from 1978 to 1985.

Foreman, who will be 46 on January 10, will challenge Michael Moorer for the IBF and WBA heavyweight titles November 5 at Las Vegas in what will be his first fight in 17 months.

Holmes won five fights last year and two this year, including a decision over Jesse Ferguson on August 9.

"Yes, Larry signed a contract Monday, and he's got a title shot," Don King told The Associated Press by telephone from Rome, where he is attending the WBA convention. "Oliver signed Monday, too."

It will be the 29-year-old McCall's first defense of the title he won on a shocking second-round knockout of Lennox Lewis on September 25 at London.

"You're ahead of me," King said when reached in his hotel suite. "I wasn't going to announce it until I got a site."

Possible sites include Las Vegas or Atlantic City.

"The money is very low – under $1 million – but that's not a real concern," Holmes said.

It will be Holmes' third bid at regaining at least a piece of the championship.

He failed to regain the IBF title from Michael Spinks when he lost a split decision in 1986, then retired.

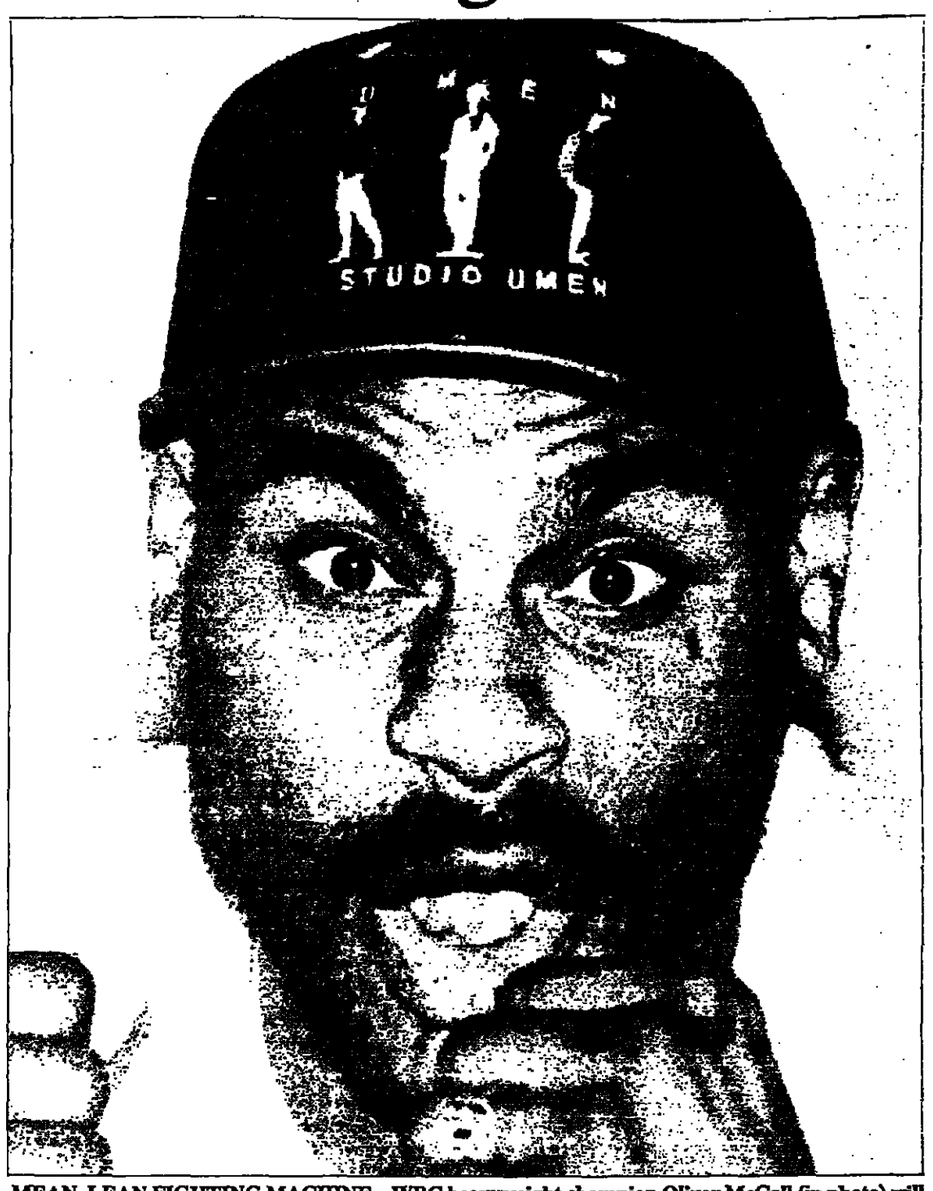
Holmes came back to challenge Mike Tyson in 1988, was stopped in the fourth round and retired again.

He started on second comeback in 1991 and has compiled a 13-1 record since. The loss was a decision for Evander Holyfield in a bid for the undisputed title June 19, 1992.

Holmes' return to a championship fight renews his love-hate relationship with King.

"Don hasn't been as bad as some of them guys out there," Holmes said.

Holmes became champion by outpointing Ken Norton in 1978.



MEAN, LEAN FIGHTING MACHINE – WBC heavyweight champion Oliver McCall (in photo) will face challenger Larry Holmes in January. (AP)

Maccabi squanders halftime lead

JOEL GORDIN

ISRAELI basketball champion Maccabi Tel Aviv made a false start to the European Club Championship best-of-16 round last night, going down 84-75 to Greece's PAOK Saloniki.

The Israeli team threw away the game after leading by six points during the second half. They will pay dearly in points for the home loss; what they could not do at Yad Eliyahu they are unlikely to achieve before a frighteningly partisan Saloniki crowd.

The first half had all the elements of a typical opening game in the European series. It was hard, physical, slow-moving and low-scoring.

Maccabi made most of its points by capitalizing on its opponents' mistakes. Guy Goodes and Nadav Henefeld, the latter recovered from his injury, initiated fastbreaks, and Norris Coleman and Doron Jamchee finished off the movements. Maccabi inched ahead 37-35 at halftime and then went six points up soon after the restart.

However, when Henefeld fouled for the fourth time, he had to be taken off and his departure left a gaping hole in the defense. PAOK's John Korfas and Gerard Mustaf exploited this to the full and PAOK pulled first four points, and then six points, ahead.

Maccabi coach Muli Kazurin brought Henefeld back on and the Israelis made a brave attempt at a comeback. With less than 90 seconds to go they narrowed the gap to two points. However, the Israeli offense broke to pieces in the final, crucial minute. Goodes and Jamchee threw wild, hopeless shots which gave the Greeks valuable possession. In desperation, Maccabi players tried to stop the clock by fouls, but the Greeks kept their cool and scored from the line, thus pulling farther and farther ahead.

Even before the final buzzer sounded, most of the 9,000 crowd, which had cheered an anticipated victory 15 minutes before, started leaving the hall. The remainder took out their frustration by roundly jeering the losers.

Local soccer race looking more 'normal'

ORI LEWIS

IS the soccer season, still just seven rounds old, finally taking on a semblance of normality?

After the last round, the pieces of the puzzle started to fall into place, more or less, with the major teams, Maccabi Tel Aviv, Hapoel Beersheba and Betar Jerusalem finally climbing to their expected places in the standings. Only champion Maccabi Haifa has yet to find its form.

There is no single major fixture this weekend, although the match between leader Bnei Yehuda against Hapoel Beersheba will be the one to watch out for.

The match is to be played in the Negev. No visiting team relishes the thought of a visit to Hapoel Beersheba's home ground. It is one of the most difficult places to win in the National League.

Should Bnei Yehuda falter, Maccabi Tel Aviv could take over at the top. But the options are many, and Hapoel Petah Tikva, which like Maccabi Tel Aviv, is also a point behind, or Hapoel Beersheba or Hapoel Tel Aviv which are both two points behind the leader could also take over in the leader's position.

Tel Aviv has what would appear to be a relatively easy home fixture against newcomers Ironi Rishon Lezion, while the other challengers for top spot have more difficult encounters.

Hapoel Petah Tikva faces Maccabi Haifa at Kiryat Eliezer, while Hapoel Tel Aviv is at Ironi Ashdod.

At the other end of the table, Hapoel Haifa will hope that its turnabout in fortunes last weekend when it beat Hapoel Beit She'an 7-0 is not just a flash in the pan. The team hosts Maccabi Herzliya, the bottom club, which suffered an 8-1 crushing defeat by Betar Jerusalem in its last outing last Saturday.

Herzliya has made a change in the coaching staff, with the unknown Ronnie Gaon taking over from Eli Guttman.

This weekend's national League fixtures (all matches tomorrow unless otherwise stated):

Betar Tel Aviv vs. Hapoel Beit She'an, National Stadium, 15:00; Maccabi Herzliya vs. Hapoel Haifa, Herzliya, 16:00; Maccabi Petah Tikva vs. Betar Jerusalem, Petah Tikva, 15:00; Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Ironi Rishon Lezion, National Stadium, 17:00; Hapoel Beersheba vs. Bnei Yehuda, Beersheba, 15:00; Ironi Ashdod vs. Hapoel Tel Aviv, Ashdod, 17:00; Maccabi Netanya vs. Za'ahrim Holon, today, 15:00; Maccabi Haifa vs. Hapoel Petah Tikva, Kiryat Eliezer, 16:00.

Hill plagued by engine trouble

ESTORIL, Portugal (Reuter) – Briton Damon Hill's practice here continued to be plagued by problems when engine trouble wrecked his session yesterday, just a day after he crashed at high speed.

Hill's Williams broke down on the main straight during his third lap and although mechanics worked on the car for three hours he completed only one more lap before quitting because of persistent engine problems.

Hill had walked away unhurt after crashing on Wednesday on a damp and greasy bend.

The Briton is five points behind Benetton driver Michael Schumacher of Germany in the race for the drivers' title with two races remaining, in Japan on November 6 and Australia a week later.

Williams officials said Hill would attempt another practice session today.

Rominger to attack one-hour cycling record again

PARIS (Reuter) – Swiss rider Tony Rominger, who shattered the world one-hour record last week, said he would attack his new mark in Bordeaux next month with an attempt to break the 54-km barrier.

Rominger extended Spaniard Miguel Indurain's record by more than 700 meters when he covered 53.832 kms in 60 minutes on the fast Bordeaux indoor track last Saturday.

He had said at first he would try to take the record further at altitude in Mexico or Ecuador but he told the French sports daily *l'Equipe* in an interview published yesterday that the attempt would take place in Bordeaux on November 5 or 6.

"I decided this on the principle of fair play towards my rivals," he said. "At the moment, there are just two of us – Indurain and myself – with the financial means to make this sort of expedition across the Atlantic.

"I am in favor of everyone having the same chance. (Scottish rider) Graeme Obree must be able to try to break the record again. He must have the same chance as those with more money."

Since Obree, an impoverished rider using an improvised, home-made bike, broke Italian Francesco Moser's nine-year-old record last year, a further four successful attempts have been made on the one-hour record, all on the Bordeaux track.

"I am not a machine," Rominger, the Tour of Spain champion, said.

Orioles' owner 'supreme and complete boss'

MIKE LITTWIN

PETER Angelos is baseball in Baltimore.

He owns the Orioles, of course. But that doesn't take it quite far enough. In describing his relationship to the team recently, Angelos was quoted as saying, "I'm the supreme and complete boss."

That's quite a statement, though perhaps not as immodest as it sounds. He didn't say, for example, he was the boss for life. But it does have that Alexander Haig ring to it that you so enjoy in a take-charge guy.

What does it mean, though? It seems to mean he is from the school – no, he's the supreme and complete principal of the school – that no employee is good enough (unless that employee also happens to be a relative). In the year since Angelos has been the supreme and complete boss, there has been 40 percent turnover in the Orioles' front office.

Here's the basic Angelos management technique: If he knows you, he fires you.

Angelos took his time with former Orioles manager Johnny Oates.

He tortured him for a year first. He dangled him. He said bad things about him and then almost apologized. He looked for his replacement while Oates was still manager.

Poor Johnny. Let's just say if he were a fly, he wouldn't have any wings left.

Why did Angelos fire Oates?

Angelos fired Oates because he just happened to be the manager.

It could have been anyone. It wasn't anything Oates had done, exactly. The Orioles were in second place after all when the season struck out. They were on pace to win 90-plus games after all.

Angelos fired Oates because it's what he does.

He'll fire the next guy. And the guy after that. And the guy after that. If you're trying to wrap your mind around the concept, think George Steinbrenner.

Now a fair person might ask himself: What might Angelos' qualifications be to judge Oates' managerial skills? There are at least two. Angelos became rich enough to buy a baseball team. And he has two sons who play rotisserie baseball and probably listen to sports talk on the radio.

In summation, Angelos knows no more about baseball than Oates does about the law.

What must the baseball poets make of that? Oates' critics say he was managing scared. They're right. He was scared of Angelos, just like anyone is afraid of an erratic, megalomaniac boss. He'd have truly been nuts if he hadn't been scared.

The truth is that Oates is an average to above-average manager.

He is almost certain to be as good as or better than his replacement.

Who might that replacement be? Angelos wants Tony La Russa, who currently manages the Oakland A's, because somebody told him La Russa is the best manager in baseball. In that case, La Russa must be smart enough not to come within a 1,000 miles of an owner like Angelos.

Angelos is a local hero, too. He bought the Orioles and he loves to lavish money on them – unlike Eli Jacobs, the previous owner, who brought the same passion to his baseball property as he would, say, to pork-belly futures.

Now Angelos is trying to bring a National Football League team to Baltimore, too. As Angelos has learned, it's good to be the owner.

And as a long line of folks at the unemployment office are learning, it's not quite as good to be the employee. (The Baltimore Sun)

Daly still on the green, but not as player

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) – John Daly looked out of place, walking from hole to hole with the rest of the gallery. Instead of stepping up to unleash one of those drives that draws "oohs" and "aahs" from the crowd, he was only here to watch others play.

Doesn't he miss it? Doesn't he feel the urge to grab a driver and punish one of those little white golf balls?

"Not really. I was glad to take a break," he said after a college tournament in Birmingham this week. "I guess if I don't miss it by December, I'll have to find another career."

Daly insists it was his decision, and his decision only, to skip the rest of the year on the PGA Tour. His back was aching, he said, in no small part because of an altercation after his last tournament, the World Series of Golf in late July.

"I didn't give the Tour a chance to sit me down," Daly said outside the clubhouse at Shoal Creek, where he helped coach Arkansas, his alma mater, to a fifth-place finish in the 12-team Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate.

The personable Daly has been enormously popular with golf fans ever since his stunning victory at the 1991 PGA Championship, where his booming drives became the stuff of legend. Since then, though, his stormy personal life has overshadowed his talent on the course.

He has been suspended twice, one to undergo alcohol rehabilitation treatment. He may have been facing further sanctions after his last start in July, when he was accused of repeatedly hitting into the group ahead of him and eventually got in a public scuffle with the father of national club pro champion Jeff Roth.

"If I could have held on for three more seconds, it probably wouldn't have happened," Daly said ruefully. "But there comes a time in life when a guy has got to defend himself. I held on as long as I could."

By most accounts, 62-year-old Bob Roth was incensed by Daly's etiquette on the course. When the round was finished, Daly exchanged insults with Roth and his wife, Delores, and Roth allegedly jumped the 28-year-old golfer from behind.

"I had apologized to Jeff. What more was I supposed to do?" Daly said. "I probably said the wrong thing to his mother, but they had been heckling me for five holes and nothing was done to prevent it."

Daly's conduct over the years has become so unpredictable, so reckless, that it's hard for him to defend every incident. He says he is somewhat the victim of unfair media coverage, but concedes his faults.

"I guess I'm learning a little later than everybody else," he said.

Daly, who lost several lucrative endorsement deals after his latest troubles, now spends his time caring for his ailing back, watching Arkansas football games and assisting his alma mater's golf team.

"We did so bad in our first tournament that I called John up and asked him to help us out," Arkansas coach Bill Woodley said. "He's been nothing but a plus."

As for Daly, he looks fit in his red Arkansas sweater, but is still concerned about his lower back.



ON THE SIDELINES – John Daly's bad back has caused him to stop competing in golf, for the moment. (Reuter)

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TOO LATE – Aston Villa's Paul McGrath (r) fails to stop a shot from Middlesbrough's John Hendrie during their League Cup match Wednesday. (AP)

Tottenham hits rock-bottom with League Cup defeat

LONDON (Reuter) – Tottenham Hotspur reached the lowest point of its miserable season when it was dumped out of the English League Cup on Wednesday, beaten 3-0 at Notts County which is currently bottom of the first division.

Tottenham, which started the season in a blaze of glory after signing World Cup stars Juergen Klinsmann of Germany and Ilie Dumitrescu of Romania, ended a dismal night with only 10 men after Dumitrescu was sent off in the first half.

Their failure against a side which has won only once in 13 league matches this season, puts the future of popular, but under-achieving coach Ossie Ardiles in grave doubt.

Notts County, which has had a poor season without a victory in 10 league games, won with goals from Tony Agana and Gary McSwegan in a three-minute spell midway through the first half and a third from McSwegan in the 72nd minute.

Tottenham's fate was effectively sealed in the 37th minute when Dumitrescu was shown the red card for his second bookable offense.

The defeat was a nightmare for Spurs, banned, pending an appeal from the FA Cup and docked six league points after being found guilty of financial impropriety by the FA in the summer. The League Cup was its only realistic chance of an honor this season.

Premier League leaders Newcastle stretched its unbeaten run since the start of the season to 17 matches when it beat league champions Manchester United 2-0 with Belgian international Phillipe Albert and Paul Kitson, their recent £2.25 million signing from Derby, both scoring their first goals for the club.

Alan Shearer scored both goals as Blackburn beat Coventry 2-0 in an all-Premier League tie, while West Ham knocked out Chelsea in a passionate London derby winning 1-0 with the only goal coming from Don Hutchison after two minutes.

Holders Aston Villa also made it through to the fourth round with a closely-fought 1-0 win over first division high-flyers Middlesbrough thanks to a 30th-minute goal from Andy Townsend.

A superb match between first division leaders Wolves and unbeaten Nottingham Forest, second in the Premier League, ended in a 3-2 win for Forest after Wolves fought back from 2-0 down to level at 2-2. Stuart Pearce scored the winner for Forest three minutes from time.

Sheffield Wednesday winners in 1991, went through to the last 16 beating Southampton 1-0, while Norwich was held to a 1-1 draw at first division Tranmere and Arsenal, winners in 1987 and 1993, drew 0-0 at first division Oldham.

NBA season given the go-ahead

NEW YORK (AP) – The NBA and its players' union yesterday avoided the kind of work stoppage that halted the hockey and baseball seasons, reaching a no-strike, no-lockout agreement that will permit the season to start on time November 6.

Both sides agreed to continue play while negotiating for a new collective bargaining agreement. The players have been without a contract since the end of last season.

"The 1994-95 season through and including our finals will be played in their entirety," commissioner David Stern said at a news conference.

"The integrity of the game is the victor here," said Charles Grantham, head of the union. "It's clear we have a long way to go, a long hard negotiation ahead of us."

Players are seeking an end to the salary cap which has been part of the collective bargaining agreement since 1983. The owners hope to maintain the cap and plug loopholes which have allowed teams to circumvent it.

"We're here to announce the season will go on," Grantham said.

"Our players are very concerned about the integrity of the game and a full and complete championship season."

With baseball and hockey already shut down because of labor problems, the agreement averted an unprecedented wipeout of all major professional sports in North America except football.

No formal talks have been held in months, although the two sides – led by Stern and Grantham – have met in recent days.

For a time on Wednesday, it appeared the start of the season was in jeopardy. A knowledgeable source said owners would vote on a November 1 lockout at a meeting Monday in Chicago if no agreement was reached by then.

Union president Buck Williams of the Portland Trail Blazers said Wednesday he liked the idea of a no-strike, no-lockout deal to keep the NBA from going the way of Major League Baseball and the National Hockey League in North America.

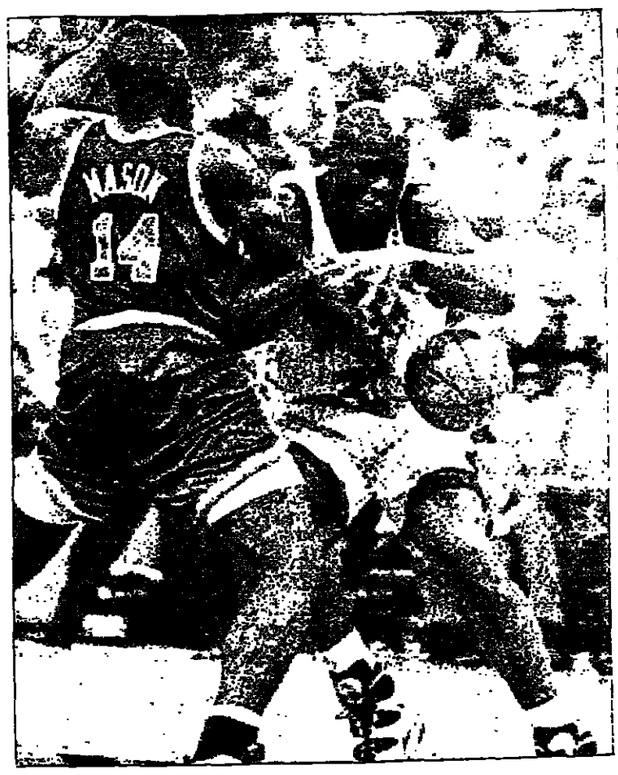
"I hope and pray there is no work stoppage," he said in San Jose. "There would be no winner. It would be foolish at this point to have a work stoppage."

Unlike the other major pro sports, the NBA has never had a work stoppage.

"We're still hopeful we can make a deal before the season begins, but we can't comment on any negotiations," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said.

Just three weeks ago, Stern had pointed proudly to the NBA's history of labor harmony.

"We have never had a strike and never had a lockout," he said following an owners' meeting October 5.



A TASTE OF THINGS TO COME – Orlando center Shaquille O'Neal grabs for the ball around the arm of New York Knicks defender Anthony Mason in a preseason game Wednesday. (Reuter)

Why give 'almost-season' awards?

COMMENT

BRIAN FREEMAN

IRONY jumped out of the screen during Channel 1's broadcast last week of the American baseball classic *Field of Dreams* – and not only because it was shown in our baseball-less land.

It was sad indeed to hear the film's Terrence Mann character, during the midst of a season canceled by strike, wax poetic about how baseball has always remained a constant in an ever changing American culture.

But although a film can be excused for its Holywood excesses, those connected with the real thing should not be so easily exonerated.

While the players and owners have been justifiably slammed for their greed and utter contempt for the national treasure to which they are entrusted, the media have so far ignored their own role in the sordid affair.

The Baseball Writers Association of America has the honor each year of choosing the winners of the various post-season awards. It decided that this year should be no different, and has been announcing the victors over the past week.

What a disgrace to the profession.

A journalist should be at least as skeptical as an average member of the public, if not more so. And he should certainly not be co-opted by the system on which he reports.

These journalists obviously care more about their coveted position as award givers than letting the baseball world have the slap in the face it deserves. Their interest goes no further than protecting their coveted turf.

So careful are these journalists to portray all as normal that they have not even allowed a symbolic protest by one of their members.

One submitted a blank ballot for the NL Cy Young to protest the post-season awards. Instead of being honored for pointing out the hypocrisy in the entire process, or at least being tolerated as a lone protest, he was thrown out and replaced on the panel.

It is understandable that the owners and players should each put the best face on their actions, even if they are detestable.

But for journalists to shirk their duties so shamelessly is inexcusable.

I suppose this is to be expected when the journalist is allowed to make the news rather than simply report it.

Champions meet league leaders in Premier League battle

LONDON (Reuter) – While Manchester United faces Newcastle United for the second time in four days tomorrow, the major drama in the Premier League could come at White Hart Lane where Tottenham plays West Ham.

The game of the day will be at Old Trafford where third-placed Manchester United, champions for the past two years, takes on leaders Newcastle.

But a defeat at White Hart Lane could spell the end of Ossie Ardiles's reign as Tottenham manager after just 14 months in charge of the club he played for with such success in the 1970s and 1980s.

The crucial Old Trafford clash follows Newcastle's 2-0 win over Manchester United in the League Cup on Wednesday night.

Manchester manager Alex Ferguson played seven young reserves in Wednesday's League Cup tie at St James' Park but will field his full-strength team against Kevin Keegan's side which has lost only twice in its last 31 Cup and league matches since February.

There is likely to be another titanic struggle at Nottingham where unbeaten, second-placed Forest takes on fourth-placed Blackburn.

Forest will be without striker Stan Collymore who limped off after 23 minutes against Wolves with a hamstring injury.

Resurgent Liverpool, which is fifth, will be looking for its sixth win in seven games against an Ipswich side that has lost nine of its last 10.

Another side desperate for a win is bottom-placed Everton, without a victory in 13 starts this season.

They take on Arsenal which has won eight of its last 10 games, but who will be without injured striker Ian Wright, who has scored 14 goals in his last 10 matches for the Gunners.

Everton may take some heart from Wright's absence, but like Ardiles at Tottenham, Everton manager Mike Walker knows that anything less than victory will increase the demands for his removal.

'Big Hurt' repeats as AL MVP

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Chicago White Sox slugger Frank Thomas was named Wednesday the American League's Most Valuable Player for the second consecutive season.

Thomas, a unanimous winner in 1993, received 24 of the 28 first place votes cast by a panel of the Baseball Writers Association of America to become only the sixth player in American League history to win successive MVP honors.

The first baseman, nicknamed "the Big Hurt," had a .353 batting average with 38 home runs and 101 RBIs in leading the White Sox to first-place in the American League Central Division before the players' strike abruptly halted the season.

He also had 141 hits and scored a league-leading 106 runs.

Thomas compiled 372 points in the balloting to easily beat out runner-up Ken Griffey of the Seattle Mariners, who garnered three first place votes and finished with 233 points.

Albert Belle of the Cleveland Indians received 13 second place votes to finish third with 225 points. Belle's teammate Kenny Lofton received the remaining first place vote and finished fourth with 181 points.

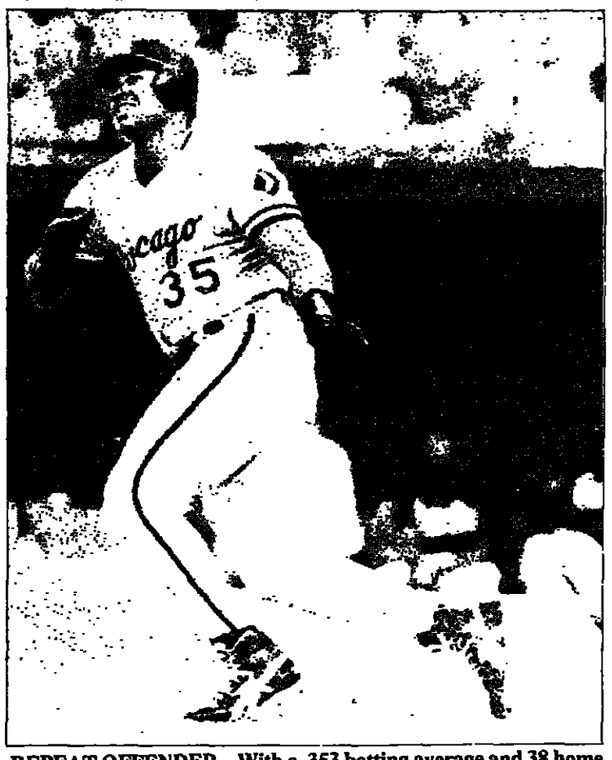
Thomas is the first repeat MVP winner in the AL since Roger Maris won the prestigious honor in 1960 and 1961, the year he broke Babe Ruth's single season home run record.

Griffey led the league with 40 home runs and had 90 RBI and a .323 batting average. For much of the season, Griffey was on pace to break Maris's record of 61 homers.

Belle posted nearly identical numbers to Thomas with a .357 average, 36 homers and 101 RBI in leading the Indians to a surprising 66-47 record and second-place in the strike-shortened season, just one game behind Chicago.

Lofton hit .349 and led the league with 60 stolen bases and 160 hits in his leadoff role in Cleveland.

The National League MVP was scheduled to be announced last night.



REPEAT OFFENDER – With a .353 batting average and 38 home runs, Frank Thomas won his second straight MVP. (Reuter)

Softball finals Tuesday

Post Sports Staff

ZIONTOURS will face Rise Hi Furniture (formerly Hasaot Benny) in the finals of the Israel Softball League's State Cup tournament on Tuesday.

Both teams clinched the final spot in the month-long tourney when the Risers nipped Dan Schneider Sports 10-2 and the Zion-men pasted Apple Pizza 20-12.

Ziontours, written off as last year's "over-the-hill gang," is playing solid ball with Dave Epstein and Joel Katzin shoring up the defense, and the hot bats of coach Stan Schriger and Blair Portnoy denting the outfield fences.

Rise Hi, coached by Yitzhak Atkin, has been the most consistent team in the league for the past four years. The heavy metal of Bob Silverman, Kenny Cohen and Bernie Kaffel should give plenty of support to moundsman Eddie Harow.

The game will take place at Kibbutz Gezer at 20:30.

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England crashes in experimental match

PERTH (Reuter) – Western Australia gave England no quarter as they comprehensively beat them in an experimental one-day day/night match at the WACA yesterday.

In a 50 overs-a-side game divided into quarters with each side batting in turn for 25 overs, Western Australia made 248 for five. England was bowled out for 197 in 45.5 overs.

The touring side was always struggling after mustering only 83 for four in the first half of its innings. Western Australia had made 90 for one from its opening 25 overs.

Set 166 from its final 25 overs, England was unable to lift the tempo sufficiently against some accurate bowling and keen fielding.

Western Australia captain Damien Martyn made the touring team pay for giving him two "lives." He made a sparkling 51 off just 67 balls, putting on 91 for the second wicket with Mark Lavender.

When Martyn fell in the second over after the innings resumed, the tempo was increased as Bradley Hogg and Lavender added 83 in 13 overs.

Lavender made 83 off 125 balls with eight fours before he skied Devon Malcolm to Mike Atherton at mid-on. Mike Valetta (35) and Adam Gilchrist (17) then added 31 from the last four overs.

Malcolm and Craig White each took two wickets but England's cause was not helped by its missing five catches of varying degrees of difficulty.

England's task in the final quarter was slated to be an uphill climb after it lost John Crawley (1), Graeme Hick (27), Mike Gatting (7) and Atherton (28) in the first part of its innings.

White and Graham Thorpe, who both made 35, did their best to lift England's spirits but they were clearly chasing a lost cause.

Perhaps predictably, the two captains had slightly differing reactions to the new format.

Martyn said: "It was certainly different and it got the guys thinking – you can't rest on your laurels.

"We enjoyed it and I think we would have even if we had lost. I think it's a good concept and I'd like to see the format tried a bit more to see how it goes."

By contrast, Atherton said: "I'm happy with the one-day game as it stands and I'd be happy if that was the last game of quarters I ever played.

"It's too early to say if the format was a success. Often administrators are guilty of tinkering for the sake of tinkering and this may be one instance of that.

"The problem is if one side dominates the first half, the crowd may as well go home."

The England captain praised Western Australia for its performance. "They were five to 10 percent better than us in all departments and they deserved to win.

"We were off in all departments. Our batsmen got 20s and 30s rather than big scores, our bowling was alright and our fielding wasn't too bad but it was a bit sloppy."

With the first four-day game of the tour starting tomorrow against Western Australia, Atherton added: "It's not a major disaster, but it's important we learn and improve on this performance and show some decent four-day form in the games leading up to the first Test."

The opening match of the five-Test Ashes series starts in Brisbane on November 25.

Mediator meets with union

NEW YORK (AP) – Mediator W.J. Usery began his baseball education Wednesday when he spent the day listening to the union give its view of the sport's labor history.

"We had what I hope was an informative session with the mediator," said Eugene Orza, the union's No. 2 official. "It's in the nature of the process not to discuss what was discussed so I won't."

Milwaukee pitcher Bob Scanlan was the only player at the session. Usery was scheduled to return to the union's office yesterday.

Usery, appointed by the Clinton administration on October 14, also plans to meet separately with the owners and their representatives. But he hasn't scheduled those meetings yet, Orza said.

NHL dispute focuses on agents

TORONTO (AP) – With no talks scheduled at the bargaining table, the focus of the NHL labor dispute shifted yesterday to a meeting of player agents in Toronto.

The agents played a significant factor in resolving the 10-day strike in 1992, and it's no coincidence the NHL has been cultivating their support this time.

Last weekend, 10 powerful player agents received a 165-page package from the NHL containing the league's version of negotiations along with details of the NHL's last proposal.

Like owners and players, agents are divided on the lockout, which entered its 27th day yesterday.

Some hard-line agents want Bob Goodenow, the head of the NHL Players Association, to hold out as long as possible.

Others want Goodenow to resume negotiations and settle the dispute right away so the games can begin.

FIFA allocates berths for 1998 World Cup

NEW YORK (AP) – FIFA was scheduled yesterday to allocate the number of berths each continent gets for the 1998 World Cup.

The presidents of the continental confederations recommended Wednesday that the Confederation of North and Central American and Caribbean Football (CONCACAF) get three spots at the 1998 tournament in France, an increase of one from this year's tournament. The US's chances to qualify are expected to improve.

FIFA's executive committee was slated to make the final decision yesterday during its semiannual meeting.

FIFA, soccer's governing body, is expanding the tournament to 32 teams from 24. Under the plan recommended by the presidents of the continental confederations, Europe would get two additional spots for a total of 15, including the host nation.

South America also would get two more spots for five, including defending champion Brazil, according to Jack Warner of Trinidad and Tobago, the CONCACAF president.

Africa also would get two more spots for five and Asia would get one more spot for a total of three. The final spot would go to the winner of a home-and-home, total-goals series between the Oceania champion and the fourth-place team in Asia.

In the 1994 tournament, the final spot was determined by a playoff among teams from Oceania, CONCACAF and South America, and was won by Argentina.

The US, as host, automatically qualified for the 1994 World Cup. The Americans' appearance in 1990 was their first in 40 years, and they play in a region where they are among the three strongest teams along with Mexico and Canada. In 1990, they needed to win their final game at Trinidad to qualify.

Warner said another proposal being considered was to give Africa four spots and have that continent's fifth-place team play the fourth-place team from CONCACAF.

Europe had been trying for 16 spots, and European soccer officials were scheduled to meet yesterday before the executive committee session.

Eight of the 21 members of FIFA's executive committee are from Europe with three each from South America, Africa, Asia and CONCACAF. FIFA president Joao Havelange also has a vote.

In other business, the general secretaries of the confederations decided to have a six-team Intercontinental Cup at Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, from January 6-13. The tournament will feature Denmark, Argentina, Nigeria, Mexico and the Oceania champion. The draw is next month at Riyadh.

FIFA's executive committee also will consider lifting the ban preventing Yugoslavia from playing international games.

In other business, Havelange, FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter and US Soccer Federation president Alan Rothenberg met Wednesday with officials of Citicorp. Rothenberg is attempting to obtain financing for Major League Soccer; FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said Havelange and Blatter attended the meeting to lend support.

Israel tops in dressage tourney

ISRAEL won both the individual and team events in the recent International Equestrian Federation Samsung Dressage Tournament at Ramat Hasharon.

The team, consisting of Dror Ben Shaul, Mirja Pilkkola and Sally Deutsch, beat teams from Hong Kong, Zambia, Taipei and Zimbabwe.

Ben Shaul also won individual honors astride Delta Force, owned by Eva Oster.

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Budget passes first reading

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset yesterday approved the 1995 budget in its first reading, with Shas and Yi'ud supporting the government but the Arab parties and United Torah Judaism abstaining.

The vote was 52-32, with six abstentions.

MK Abdel Darawshe (DAP) said after the vote that his party had planned to vote against the budget, but instead abstained following a conversation with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, who apparently is willing to discuss the DAP's demands for more funding for the Arab sector.

"But if by the time of the second and third reading, the things [we are asking for] aren't done, we will vote against it, and end our connection with the government," he said. Hadash echoed this threat.

Arab and Druse members of Labor and Meretz also said they would have trouble voting for the budget if their sectors were not given increased funding, but decided to give the government the benefit of the doubt in the first reading of the budget.

UTJ, meanwhile, deplored the budget's lack of funding for the religious, but decided to abstain in the hopes that the situation would improve before the final reading.

The party will meet with Shohat in the near future, explained an aide to Avraham Shapira (UTJ). If its demands are met, it will vote for the budget in its final reading. If not, the party will vote against.

The party's main demand is that the country's religious minority be given as much extra funding as is the Arab minority, the aide said.

Shas, like UTJ, was unhappy with funding for the religious, but decided to support the government for now. However, the party wants written promises that its demands will be met in exchange for supporting the budget in its final reading as well, said Raphael Pinhasi (Shas).

"Last year, we got oral promises, and they weren't kept," he said.

Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon said during the discussions that the Histadrut would not sign a new cost-of-living increase agreement identical to the current one. If the inflation rate is higher than 11 percent, the Histadrut would demand full compensation in the cost-of-living increase, Ramon said. Responsibility for the high inflation rate, he said, "falls completely on the government, and in such a case, we demand full compensation for the workers."

The Likud concentrated its attack on inflation, which it said is largely due to Labor's inability to resist financial demands from groups close to it.

"This government gives to those who belong to it," charged Ariel Weinstein (Likud). "Right now, the cabinet is discussing funding for [the Histadrut's] Kupat Holim ... covering NIS 4.5 billion worth of its debts."

In response, Shohat blasted the Likud MKs as hypocrites, saying that the worst inflation the country has ever known was under a Likud government.

"There is a problem of inflation, I'm not trying to hide it ... but it takes hutzpa, brazenness and disingenuousness" for MKs who were part of the Likud government in the era of hyperinflation to accuse this government of irresponsibility, he said.

Shohat also chided members of various lobbies, such as the social lobby or the agricultural lobby, who protested that the budget does not do enough to help their interest groups.



US President Bill Clinton places a wreath at the monument to Fallen Soldiers at the entrance to the Knesset last night. (Reuter)

Ben-Yair accepts 'clarified' coalition accord

EVELYN GORDON

THERE is nothing wrong with the Labor-Shas coalition agreement, in light of the clarification the two parties added this week, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

Earlier in the case Ben-Yair maintained that one clause was "inappropriate, and not to be acted on." Since the attorney-general's opinion is binding on the government, the justices asked, how can Shas and Labor go ahead with the agreement? The clause in question stated: "If the status quo in religious affairs is violated, the two sides promise to correct the violation by means of appropriate legislation."

Ben-Yair said this was a blanket promise instead of reserving the government's right to examine each piece of legislation on its merits.

This week the two parties published a clarification which says:

"The sides hereby clarify that the purpose of the memorandum of understanding, including paragraph 3, is to ensure the examination, discussion and investigation of any case where a claim is raised that the status quo has been violated," the clarification said.

"In any case where the two sides think the status quo has been violated, the two sides will investigate, in a serious and reasonable matter – considering each case on its own merits – how it is possible to restore the status quo, and will act accordingly," it continued. "If it becomes clear that the only way to restore the status quo is through legislation, the two sides will use their discretion as to the appropriate content of such legislation."

Labor Party legal advisor Amnon Lorch had argued two weeks ago that this was always the intent of the agreement, but the justices had been skeptical, saying the language of the agreement did not confirm this interpretation.

With this clarification an integral part of the text, there is nothing wrong with the coalition agreement as long as both sides consider the clarification binding, Ben-Yair said. The case is expected to be heard next week.

Man kills wife, turns himself in

Menora Levy, 50, of Hod Hasharon, was shot to death yesterday by her husband Ovadia, apparently during an argument in their daughter's home in Alfei Menashe.

Ovadia Levy turned himself in to Kfar Sava police about an hour after the shooting.

He placed his loaded pistol on the duty officer's desk and said, "I murdered my wife."

At about 12:30 p.m., Magen David Adom got a call about a woman who had been shot by her husband. An ambulance crew found the woman dead with several bullet wounds to the chest.

The couple was said to have been having serious marital problems during the past few years, which were exacerbated by the death of another daughter in a road accident four years ago.

They have five other grown children. *Itim*

Beersheba municipality renews strike

BEERSHEBA'S 1,800 municipal workers renewed a general strike yesterday, claiming that the municipality violated a written undertaking to pay them money owed in social benefits and pension payments.

The undertaking was made 10 days ago, in return for halting a six-day strike. Only emergency municipal services will operate during the current work stoppage, which will shut down all city kindergartens.

Yaish Vaknin, chairman of the municipal workers association, said:

"This time we are talking about a full strike, including garbage disposal, and we will also not permit private companies from removing garbage, which we did during the previous strike."

He said, however, that warm meals would still be provided to the elderly and special education facilities would remain open.

Amir Rozenblit

Cabinet approves NIS 3b. recovery plan for Clalit

JUDY SIEGEL and JOSE ROSENFELD

THE cabinet yesterday approved a recovery plan for Kupat Holim Clalit that includes more than NIS 3 billion in state aid over the next few years.

However the ministers insisted that the Histadrut health fund's 32,000 employees agree to major efficiency measures.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said it was "inconceivable" that the staff would not bear a "modest part" of the plan and agree to the dismissal of more than 1,000 workers, as well as wage cuts and longer hours. The government will contribute NIS 38.8 million to help cover severance pay.

Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon said the Histadrut had committed itself to transferring 90% of its membership fees to Clalit. The government, in turn, will provide NIS 3.32 billion in aid and take control of the fund's hospitals, leaving management in Clalit's hands. Of the health fund's NIS 1.025b. operating deficit, the government will cover NIS 900 million, with the rest coming from the Histadrut; the treasury will also pay NIS 2.061 b. to help cover Clalit's accumulated debt of NIS 4.185b.

Ministers Ya'acov Tsur, Shimon Shetreet and Yisrael Kessar (a former Histadrut secretary-general) abstained in the vote.

Moshe Zelinger, acting head of the union representing 25,000 of the workers (excluding physicians), said the government's demands of the workers are "above and beyond" the acceptable. The union has offered to accept a 3 percent reduction in wages, but only as a loan to management, and not as a permanent cut.

The Treasury announcement yesterday did not state whether Clalit staffers would receive their October salaries on November 5; so far, the Treasury has insisted that wages would not be paid unless staffers accept the recovery plan. Zelinger said that if wages were not in the banks on schedule, all staffers would go on strike immediately.

Shohat warned that should the workers torpedo the plan, the government will go to court to ask that a receiver be appointed for the fund. A court-appointed receiver has the authority to fire workers and reduce wages to prevent bankruptcy.

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Disney World comes to the desert for a day

Israel and Jordan would have liked less pomp and circumstance at the treaty signing, but the US called the festivity shots, Allison Kaplan Sommer writes



At Wednesday's ceremony, people found lots to talk about, including whether the first ladies had coordinated their outfits in advance. (IDF Spokesman)

MAYBE it was the balloons. Maybe it was the sunglasses and baseball caps and assorted other silly hats. For those who made the trek to the Arava, the experience was more like visiting Disney World than witnessing the ceremonial signing of a historic peace treaty.

It was clear that the flags, marching bands and scenic panoramas were for the benefit of President Clinton, or, more specifically, the voters in the US watching the festivities with their morning coffee on the *Today* show or *Good Morning, America*.

Clinton needed the boost. Shunned by Democratic congressional candidates campaigning for reelection in November, criticized for his handling of foreign policy crises in Haiti and Cuba, and still stung by the failure of his health care proposal, the president may have given his image a new coat of whitewash.

Israeli and Jordanian leaders would doubtless have preferred lower-key events, because of the fundamentalist opposition King Hussein is facing, and the Israelis' sense of mourning after the Tel Aviv bus bombing and the Nahshon Wachsman kidnapping-murder.

But if it was a media spectacular the Clinton White House wanted, that's what it got. Eitan Haber, media adviser to the Prime Minister's Office, pulled out all the stops with a meticulously planned show complete with brass bands, 21-gun salutes and metaphor-laden speeches. The only major disappointment was that, contrary to rumor, Barbra Streisand did not perform.

For invited guests from Tel Aviv, the carnival atmosphere began with the trip to the desert. "Welcome to the special flight to the ceremony of the signing of the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan," the Arkia pilot said cheerfully.

The exodus to the desert comprised not only politicians, but businessmen and philanthropists: Frankfurt entrepreneur Yosef Buchman, developer Mordechai Yona, *Ma'ariv* publisher Ofer Nimrodi, basketball stars Mickey Berkowitz and Doron Jamchee, singers Yehoram Gaon and Yardena Arazi. The most painful part of the flight for them appeared to be a forced moratorium on using their cellular phones for half an hour. Most made up for it by chatting on them incessantly during the bus ride to the ceremony site.

FOR ARLENE Strelitz, Israel-Jordan peace ceremonies were becoming old hat. Strelitz, a supporter of both Clinton and Rabin who divides her time between Virginia and Herzliya, also attended the Rabin-Hussein White House meeting.

"The first time was truly a unique moment in history; I don't know if this can live up to it," Strelitz said. "Back then, I was hyperventilating. I was so excited. We'll see what's next after this – maybe I can look forward to going to Damascus."

Impersonator and comedian Tuvia Tsafir said he was thrilled to be invited – both because he could be a witness to history and because "it'll help me with my impersonation of King Hussein."

Children from local classrooms greeted the guests to the site, waving signs with the Israeli and Jordanian flags crayoned on them proclaiming, "There is hope for peace."

A banner at the entrance read, "Blessed are the peace makers." Israeli, US and Jordanian flags fluttered above the bleachers and podium, alongside a row of flags of the other countries represented by dignitaries. The German flag was upside down, but no diplomatic protest was filed.

Fresh-faced soldiers and police personnel distributed complimentary hats and bottles of water, but some came prepared. Finance Minister Avraham Shohat wore a modified cowboy hat. Shulamit Aloni displayed a broad-brimmed straw topper, while Yardena Arazi used her daughter's Chinese parasol.

The commemorative hats were valued souvenirs: Israelis coveted the black Royal Jordanian Airlines hats and Jordanian journalists sported *Ma'ariv* and *Yediot Aharonot* caps, but the most popular was the white Israel Airports Authority "Blessed are the peace makers" model.

Those masters of municipal cleanliness, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna, carefully wiped the dust off their chairs for about 15 minutes before sitting.

Milo reflected about the timing of the ceremony, a week after the Tel Aviv bus bombing. "It's really very symbolic that just a week ago, I was seeing so many victims of terrorism and today we are here at this beautiful ceremony," he said. "I think it symbolizes the strength and resilience of the Israeli people. Yes, there is still pain and sadness, there is no doubt we are still in shock."

And it showed. While Jordanian guests whooped, "Long Live the King" and Clinton aides shouted and whistled for their president, the Israelis were, by comparison, subdued. Their enthusiasm was further dampened by reports that Katyusha rockets landed in the north just before the ceremony.

Despite the cheers of the Clinton staff, the buzz among the White House press corps was that even such an impressive ceremony would not boost the president's popularity at home.

"Look at Carter, look at Bush," one reporter said. "How does the saying go? Making peace in the Middle East never got a US president reelected."

But Clinton had his defenders. Former Democratic congressman Mel Levine, now a copresident of the Builders for Peace movement, said Clinton's decision to come was a choice to "do the right thing," regardless of political concerns. "It is appropriate for him to be here and I believe that in the long run, it will underscore his foreign policy leadership," Levine said.

THERE HAD been concern about who was in charge, and about power struggles behind the scenes between US, Israeli and Jordanian officials. But the real bosses were the photographers and cameramen of the press. "Shake hands!" they instructed Clinton, Hussein and Rabin, demanding a repeat tableau of the pictures from a few months ago.

Rabin and Hussein shook hands, with Clinton in the middle, only this time there were desert mountains in the background instead of the White House.

When they stood in a row, the cameramen yelled at Rabin: "Take off your hat!" The prime minister obligingly doffed his baseball cap.

After the speeches were over, the band played the national anthems, and hot, sweaty guests collapsed gratefully into their air-conditioned buses. On the way home, they compared outfits of the various first ladies, swapped baseball caps and critiqued the speeches.

No one complained that Hussein's speech was too long or that he spoke too slowly. There were arguments about whether Rabin's "baby metaphor" – wishing "a blessed day" for the mothers of Israeli and Jordanian babies born that morning – was touching or schmaltzy. There were comments that Clinton's plea – "Open your borders, open your hearts. Peace is more than an agreement on paper. It is feeling, it is activity, it is devotion..." – sounded like the lyrics of a Top 40 pop tune.

And everyone asked each other whether they were moved, excited or choked up by the ceremony.

The consensus was that, while the experience didn't provide the initial thrill that the White House ceremony had, it was about as well-organized and as moving as one can expect from a mass-produced historical event for 5,000 broadcast internationally from the middle of the desert.

And it left people wondering what ceremony Eitan Haber can concoct to top it, if, by some miracle, Syria and Israel are able to reach a settlement. One hopes that when the time comes, he has Barbra Streisand's telephone number handy.

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A different sort of peace

The new relations with Jordan may start off cool, but economic benefits could help break the ice, David Makovsky reports from Amman

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton won a hearty round of applause when he told the Jordanian Parliament on Wednesday night: "If the people don't feel real benefits, then the purveyors of fear will find fertile ground."

Indeed, the one message that has been consistently conveyed by US, Jordanian and Israeli leaders during the months leading up to this week's peace treaty has been that peace must have a tangible, positive effect on people's daily lives. If not, Islamic militants – whose 16 parliamentary deputies boycotted Clinton's speech in Amman – would resume their march to power in Jordan and other Arab capitals.

Only after economic growth is achieved will the the marginalization of the militants be possible.

At least for the foreseeable future, the Jordan-Israel peace will be more a peace between states than a peace between peoples. Israelis have been sobered up enough by the "cold peace" with Egypt not to expect more. Israelis may want to visit Petra, but this time there is no talk of Jordanian children writing to Israeli pen-pals or their parents rushing to visit Tel Aviv beaches. Instead, Israelis are taking a long-term, perhaps more realistic, view. Mutually beneficial economic links will create more lasting ties than pen-pals.

This view is only bolstered by the Jordanians' reaction. While acknowledging the need for peace, people in the streets of Amman this week – even if they were not among the 5,000 Islamic militants who burned Israeli flags – showed little enthusiasm for personal contacts with Israelis.

Officials say that wariness of public sentiment at home contributed to King Hussein's desire to speed up the treaty with Israel.

These officials note that the Jordanian Parliament is only now reconvening after its summer recess. Had the treaty not been concluded when it was, issues surrounding the negotiations with Israel would have become the center of Jordanian political debate. To question a treaty already concluded is riskier for its opponents, as it would constitute a frontal assault against the king.

One sensed this week that Israel may have been making peace with only half of Jordan. At the treaty-signing ceremony Wednesday in the Arava, the Jordanians in attendance were members of the "East Bank" political and military establishment. There were few representatives of the Palestinians, who comprise an estimated 60 percent of the Jordanian population.

Some Palestinians in Jordan nurse grievances dating back to 1948, while others identify with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's complaint that the peace treaty offers Jordan continued custodianship over the Moslem holy places in Jerusalem. Some Palestinians were among the Islamic militants who burned Israeli and American flags this week.

THE FACT that, for now at least, the peace is more one between states than between peoples does not discount its importance to Jordan.

Jordan's geographic position makes peace with Israel imperative. To Jordan's south, Saudi Arabia refuses to forgive King Hussein for his support of Iraq during the Gulf war, despite repeated efforts by the US to effect a reconciliation. King Hussein repaid the snub this week by not inviting the Saudi foreign minister to the treaty-signing ceremony.

To Amman's east, there is Iraq, still a pariah state. In the 1980s, Iraq – embroiled in a war with Iran – traded heavily with Jordan. But now Iraq, forbidden to sell oil for more than three years due to UN Security Council sanctions, can give Jordan very little.

To Jordan's north, Hussein faces a prickly Syrian President Hafez Assad. The Syrian leader criticized Jordan's agreement to lease land to Israel as part of the peace treaty, but Hussein remained feisty. Asked how he would respond to Assad's criticism, Hussein said he would tell the Syrian leader: "It is none of your business, with due respect. This is a Jordanian matter."

If this is not trouble enough, Hussein has an unpredictable partner in the PLO. It is odd that Israel's relations with both the Palestinians and the Jordanians are better than the ties the two have with each other.

What's more, Hussein cannot ignore his home front. Whether economic growth will reduce the extremists' influence remains an open question, but Jordan's current economic stagnation could only add to the militants' appeal.

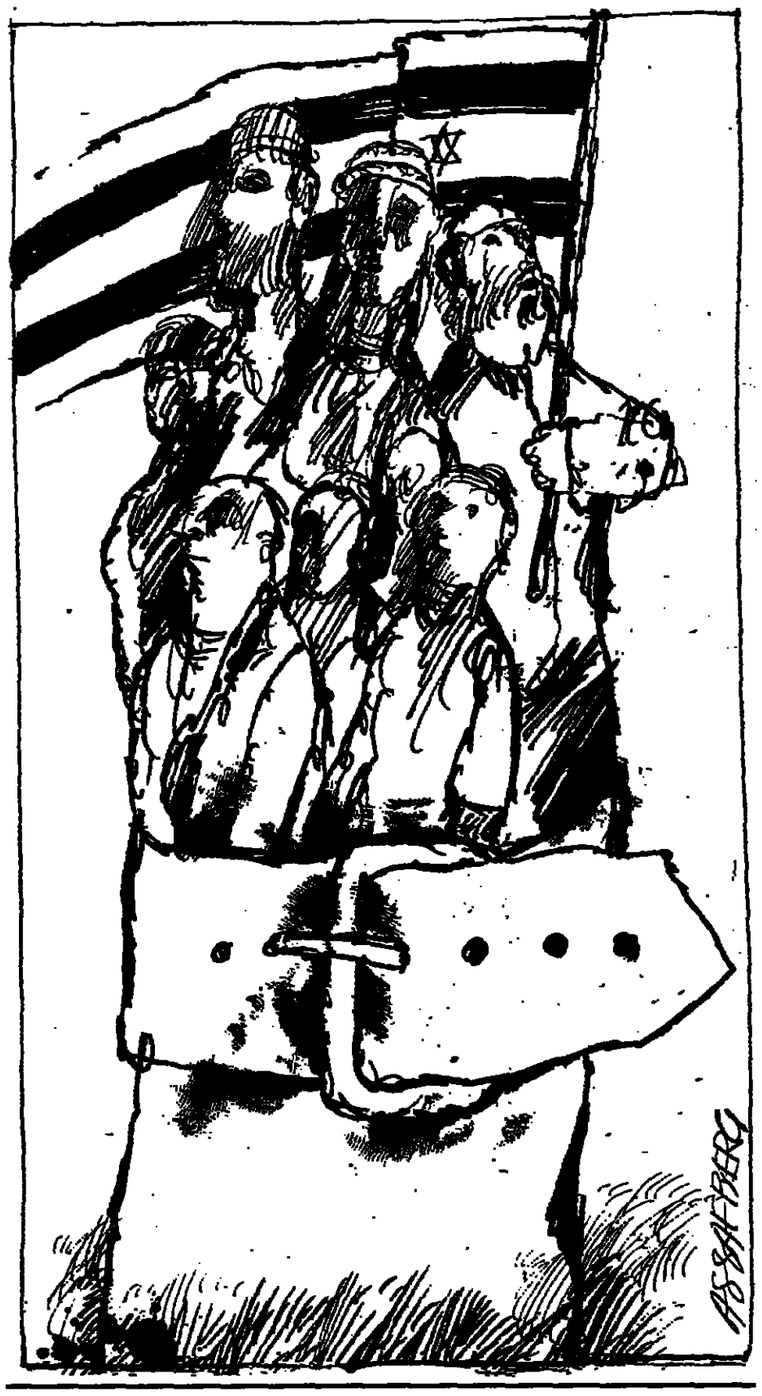
WITH ALL these problems, Hussein decided that he should not wait until his own public is ripe for a peace between peoples.

Rather, he is counting on public support for a peace between states that provides Jordan with clear benefits. The agreement with Israel will bring with it US modernization of the aging Jordan military, and hundreds of millions of dollars of debt forgiveness.

There has also been discussion about Jordan exporting to Europe via the Haifa or Ashdod ports.

It remains to be seen whether a peace between states grounded in economic self-interest is a prelude to a deeper understanding between Jordanians and Israelis. But while a peace between states may be second best, it is nonetheless welcome.

Settlers' confidence takes a bashing



Security forces are getting tough with Jews in the territories, prompting allegations of brutality. Herb Keinon and Bill Hutman report

POLICE brutality is the allegation coming from an unexpected quarter: Jewish residents of Hebron. They repeated the allegation in a recent meeting with Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur.

Among those who spoke were Anat Cohen, the nursing mother who alleged that she was brutally arrested this month and separated from her two-month-old son, and Dalia Daniel, who said police beat her 15-year-old son when he was arrested at a Hebron demonstration on Succot.

Others spoke of systematic police harassment against them.

Gur, the government's troubleshooter with the settlers, said he would look into the complaints. But the complaints are symptomatic of a more far-reaching problem: a severe crisis of confidence between Kiryat Arba/Hebron residents and security forces. Most of their complaints are about police, but they also claim to have problems with the General Security Service and – to a lesser extent – the IDF.

An open letter signed by a couple of hundred Kiryat Arba residents appeared on walls in the town this month expressing support for the IDF, and calling upon people to show restraint in criticizing the army. That there is even a need for such a letter shows that criticism of the army is widespread enough to worry some settlers.

The distrust of the GSS follows the arrest of 13 Kiryat Arba and Hebron residents for involvement in an alleged underground. Although two of those arrested have been accused of attempted murder, this was far less serious than the emergence of a full-scale underground which the press had reported, based on leaks.

The brunt of the criticism of the army is directed at OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, who is widely perceived in Kiryat Arba and Hebron as having a political agenda.

"Biran signed the administrative detention orders [against members of Kach and Kahane Hai] earlier in the year," said one Hebron resident who asked not to be identified.

"Biran gave the orders to speed up the processing of criminal charges against settlers last week, and Biran signed the orders restricting the movement of 18 people near the Machpela Cave. He has a political agenda."

Biran strongly denied the allegations. "One week, it's some group on the left that is complaining we are treating it unfairly. The next week it is a group on the right," Biran told reporters recently.

He said the fact that complaints were coming from both sides of the political spectrum showed that the army was not playing favorites.

Biran also used strong words to describe the behavior of "a small number" of settlers who gave a bad name to the entire Jewish population.

The commander charged that a few settlers provoked confrontations with Palestinians and the army.

He cited a Succot demonstration at the Machpela Cave in which settlers allegedly abused soldiers verbally and ignored their orders to disperse peacefully.

"Those who break the law will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law," Biran said.

Prof. Moshe Lissak, a Hebrew University expert on military-civilian relations, said the ramifications of the poor relations between the security forces and the Jewish residents of the territories are grave.

"The settlers have responded to what they perceive as a campaign of delegitimization by accusing the army and police of being political," he said. "This is serious."

Lissak said that the settlers and the IDF have a history of confrontation that goes back to Sebastia, that defining point in the history of the settlement movement in 1975 when thousands of settlers converged on a disused railway station near Nablus and, after numerous confrontations with the army and the government, eventually forced Rabin's first government to set up a settlement nearby that later became Kedumim.

"At Sebastia it was a game of cat and mouse," Lissak said. "But there was a degree of solidarity between the army and the settlers, a feeling that everyone was still on the same side. You didn't have the delegitimization of one group or another, or the suspicion."

But now, Lissak said, things have changed drastically. He said the recent announcement by Ariel Mayor Ron Nahman that he would no longer cooperate with Biran was unprecedented, and could be an indication of things to come.

"The dangers of such a crisis of confidence are acute," Lissak said. "If this widens beyond Kiryat Arba to the rest of the settlements, if the IDF is perceived not as a neutral tool but as a political tool, this could cause a split both in the army and in the country. This could be one of the most expensive 'prices of peace.' "

The police, too, are perceived by the Jews in Hebron as having been given free reign to make their lives bitter.

"An atmosphere has been created at the top that the police in the field have a free hand to 'take care of us,' " said Yisrael Zeira, director of the Shavei Hevron Yeshiva in Hebron. "There are so many incidents, so many arrests, that it is clear this is coming from the top," he said.

Orit Shtruck, a Hebron activist, said she sees one of two scenarios being played out, both grave.

"One scenario is that the government is intentionally trying to make our lives difficult, to bother us, and to brand us as criminals – all in order to bring about a withdrawal by choice, to make it so difficult for people to live here that they will want to leave."

The other possibility, she said, is that as a result of the Shamgar commission of inquiry, which said there must be better law enforcement in Judea and Samaria, so many police have been sent to Hebron that friction is inevitable with the Jews they have been charged to keep an eye on.

"The police are everywhere," she said. "It's as if there was a policeman stationed constantly in the stairwell of your building. Eventually, you bump into him or exchange words with him. Then you are accused of insulting an officer, or hindering him during the commission of his duties."

According to Shtruck, the vast majority of offenses people are being arrested for in Hebron are not criminal but the result of confrontations with the police. "There is constant friction," she said.

Police strongly deny allegations that they are bullying Jewish residents of Hebron or anywhere else in Judea and Samaria. Police openly admit, however, that today there is tighter law enforcement in and around Jewish communities in the territories, which is perhaps being misunderstood by residents.

Criminal acts that were not clamped down upon in the past, such as vigilante raids into Halhoul or Hebron's casbah, are no longer tolerated, according to police.

"In the past there simply was no one in charge," said Alec Ron, commander of the new Judea and Samaria police district set up after the Shamgar commission.

Ron said there was no one to ensure that the law – all elements of the law – would be enforced in Judea and Samaria. He explained that for years little emphasis was put on classic police work: the big issue was security and that's where the manpower and money were devoted.

The Shamgar commission that followed the Hebron massacre pointed to the failure of authorities to detain and prosecute Jewish residents of Hebron who provoked Palestinians or even attacked them and their property.

The Judea subdistrict was under the command of the southern district, while the Samaria subdistrict was under the authority of the northern district, causing operational problems.

In July, the new district encompassing all of Judea and Samaria was set up by Police Minister Moshe Shahal in the hope of better enforcing the law in the areas. Some 400 new recruits are to join the 600 policemen already serving in those areas, with a large number of these stationed in Kiryat Arba and Hebron. Even more manpower will come if the Knesset, as expected, passes a law soon allowing army conscripts to serve in the police force.

"I am in constant contact with Jewish leaders and I understand the misgivings of the Jewish population," Ron said. "It's not easy to be in a position in which you are unsure of your future, in which you feel unsafe.

"But," he added, "we will not tolerate anyone taking the law into his own hands. We won't allow things to get out of control."

He said that such was the situation until the new district was founded. Within six months, Ron said, forensic experts, investigators and patrol officers would be assigned to Judea and Samaria for the first time.

Ron said the tougher enforcement was aimed at both Jews and Arabs. He added, however, that the new district was being built on the assumption that, as peace talks with the Palestinians progressed, police activity in Palestinian communities would be turned over to Palestinians themselves.

No Palestinians are being recruited into the Judea and Samaria police force, said Ron, who added that Jewish residents of the area are being encouraged to join.

Eliezer Waldman, dean of the Nir Yeshiva in Kiryat Arba, said: "The police are definitely being stricter with us. There seems to be an order to press charges on every matter. Cases [of alleged confrontations with officers] that were closed three years ago are now being reopened."

The absurdity, he said, is that while the law is now being tightly enforced against Jews, very little has been done against Arab stone-throwers who are continuing to make the drive from Jerusalem to Kiryat Arba a hair-raising experience. The terror attacks of the last two weeks have also led to criticism in Kiryat Arba that, while the police are busy chasing Jews, terrorists are acting with impunity.

"I want to make myself clear," Ron said. "The new police district was not established to set up a siege on the Jewish population. We are here to enforce the law throughout Judea and Samaria."

Maybe so, but the perception among a good part of the population in Kiryat Arba and Hebron is that they are indeed under siege.

"More and more people there are beginning to feel that they are not a part of the collective, as being beyond the pale," said the Hebrew University's Lissak.

The danger, he warned, is that if people feel their backs are against a wall, if they feel that everyone – even those assigned to protect them – are against them, there is no telling how certain individuals may respond.

Casablanca conference draws business big-hitters

King Hassan is giving financial titans a chance to consider a neglected market, Hillel Kuttler reports

IF there is such a thing as a peace dividend, this weekend may turn out to be a bonanza.

No sooner will the ink have dried on the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty, which was signed two days ago in the Arava, than the next milestone in the new regional order will be upon us: the Middle East-North Africa Economic Summit, beginning Sunday in Casablanca.

The three-day event in Morocco will bring together 1,000 governmental and corporate power brokers from Israel, the Arab world, the US, Europe and the Far East. Its goal is to encourage businesspeople to think seriously about investing in the region.

The Casablanca summit "creates a framework, like Madrid created a framework, for an economic integration in the region," said the State Department's deputy Middle East coordinator, Aaron Miller. "I wouldn't expect overnight results, but a new baseline has been created."

Administration officials and business executives in the US do not believe that major deals will be signed at Casablanca. But the event, hosted by King Hassan at the royal palace, does provide the first opportunity for business titans to ponder a neglected market, and for the region's political leaders to sell them on the idea.

The register of government leaders from within and outside the region reads like a who's who: Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres; PLO Chairman Arafat; Egyptian President Mubarak; Jordan's Prince Hassan; the Turkish, Portuguese, Italian and Spanish prime ministers; US Secretary of State Christopher; foreign ministers from Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, France, Cyprus, Canada, Russia and Egypt; and various ministers from Bahrain, the UAE, Kuwait and the Czech Republic. (Lebanon and Syria are boycotting Casablanca.)

The corporate lineup is no less dazzling, with top executives from such US giants as American Express, Bechtel, Citibank, DuPont, General Electric, Hewlett-Packard, Pfizer, Phillip Morris and 3M. In all, 200 of the 800 companies in attendance will be American.

To draw them all, US diplomacy went into overdrive. The State Department this summer instructed its embassies – especially in the Arab world – to, in Miller's words, "get the word out that this is a valuable way to support Arab-Israeli peace and create contacts that will underpin that peace."

The Commerce Department, too, convened business leaders periodically to make the case for Casablanca and Middle East investment. Commerce officials said that several corporations which had no idea that such a major conference was even planned will be there.

The department "is the advocate for US industry and we are very interested in ensuring that our companies have a full opportunity to participate in a very exciting economic development following the peace process," said Judith Barnett, principal deputy assistant secretary of commerce. "It is our feeling that an important part of the peace process is a strong economic foundation in the region."

"A lot of what we have is what they need – health-care services, financial services, insurance, banking, technology," a Commerce Department official added.

The conference will offer seminars in such areas as banking, trade, exports, media, technology and water resources. Jordan and Israel will also deliver a joint presentation on their grandiose package of Jordan Rift Valley projects they are seeking funding for along the common border.

The administration is striving to allay any corporate hesitancy about plunging into the region. A US agency, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), will offer a session on risk insurance and project financing available to American companies entering emerging markets overseas.

THE IDEA for Casablanca arose after the September 1993 signing of the Israeli-Palestinian Declaration of Principles.

Originally, the conference's organizers, the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations and the World Economic Forum (of Davos, Switzerland), had planned to hold the event last spring in Amman. But Jordan decided it was not yet ready to take such a leap in the peace process, so Morocco agreed to serve as host.

Besides making his palace available, King Hassan is picking up some of the costs of the event. Each participant is already paying a hefty registration fee of $1,800.

To be sure, not all US corporations heading for Casablanca are newcomers to the region. New York investment house Merrill Lynch already has offices in Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Beirut and Bahrain, and wants to secure additional capital for Israeli companies.

"As far as our current strategy is concerned, we see ourselves as a cross-border intermediary for Israel and Israeli clients," said Brian Henderson, Merrill Lynch International's senior vice president. "At this juncture we don't have plans to physically be in Israel – but that could change."

Henderson hopes someday to form a troika of Jordanian, Israeli and Lebanese partners, despite the fact that Lebanon is not participating at the moment. "They're great, dynamic countries there – great business and capital ethic."

Conference organizers envision Casablanca as not only soliciting outsiders, but helping initiate intra-regional business relationships.

"Five years ago, it would have been unthinkable that Saudis and Bahrainis would come to a conference, in the region, with Israelis," said the Council on Foreign Relations' vice president Karen Sughrue, who fashioned the bulk of the program.

"I think the region has come to realize that unless it cooperates and interrelates, that as a market it isn't significant [enough] to attract multinational companies," she said.

To seize on the anticipated momentum of Casablanca, OPIC and State and Commerce Department officials will travel on with US business leaders to Egypt, Jordan, Israel and the territories to explore first-hand "the opportunities and impediments to trade in the region," the Commerce Department official said. OPIC is also planning to bring over a business delegation in April. No sooner will Casablanca be over than smaller-scale regional conferences are in the works for Jerusalem and Amman during November.

Asked why he is going to Casablanca, Merrill Lynch's Henderson said: "The peace process, for sure. Secondly, the fact there is a perception the region has hit rock-bottom and the only way it can go is up. And the opportunity is there to get in on the resurgence of the area.

"I'm as much going there to learn as to give encouragement and enthusiasm to the process. It's going to get more and more interesting, I think."

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For the Roths, there's a hard life after death

Derek Roth's widow, Gila, is trying to understand why two teens shot her husband to death. She has no answers, Sue Fishkoff reports



Gila and Derek Roth in their last photograph together: 'I'll never have the happiness I had with Derek again, but life goes on.'

GILA Roth sits on a charcoal-gray leather couch in her living room in Kiryat Nordau, just south of Netanya, quietly flipping through a photo album filled with family snapshots.

"Here's Derek when we first started going out," she says, pointing to a picture of a smiling, round-faced, slightly balding man standing on a Netanya beach in bathing trunks and a floppy brown hat. "Derek loved to collect hats. He had a tremendous stamp collection, too. I don't know who I should give it to now."

Roth's world exploded the night of January 9, when her 50-year-old British-born husband, a night-time taxi driver, was murdered by two 14-year-old Herzliya boys who had flagged him down by the side of the road and asked to be driven to Tel Aviv.

Monday, the youths were sentenced to 16-year prison terms by the Tel Aviv District Court. It was the stiffest sentence ever handed down to juveniles in this country, but much less than the life sentence sought by the prosecution and hoped for by Derek Roth's 42-year-old widow.

"Sixteen years, it's nothing," she says, shaking her head and sighing. "They'll spend the next three years in not a very bad place, and when they're 18, they'll have another seven years or so before they're out. From my perspective, that's not enough."

In sentencing the two boys, the three judges noted they had taken the boys' age into consideration when deciding against life terms. One judge called the sentence "a message of hope rather than despair," adding that he hoped the youths could be rehabilitated and turned into productive members of society.

Roth feels her husband's killers don't deserve another chance. The boys already had criminal records, and were given a "second chance," she says, when they were accepted into their Herzliya high school.

"They already had their chance, and what did they do with it?" she asks. "They committed this murder. They took a gun and shot it five separate times into my husband. What further chance do you want me to give them? What chance did they give him to choose between life and death?"

ROTH SPEAKS quietly, choosing her words carefully. She seems more bewildered than angry, her brow furrowing constantly as she wonders aloud why fate dealt her husband and his family this unkind hand.

Sometimes, she says, she tries to understand how these boys could have shot her husband in cold blood. Throughout their trial, she would sit in the courtroom with her eyes fixed on the boys' faces, willing them to look her in the eye, as if that contact would somehow bring the understanding she sought. They never lifted their eyes to hers. Even when the sentence was pronounced, she states, they couldn't look at her, but stared straight ahead without blinking.

After the sentencing, she found herself face-to-face with the father of one of the boys. Pointing her finger at him, she said, "As one parent to another, I feel sorry for you. But your son, I can't ever forgive."

Derek Roth's murder left his wife and her two daughters – Shanit, 22, and Limor, 20 – in desperate financial straits. They were never rich while Derek was alive, Gila says, but had achieved middle-class status, and were able to buy what they wanted with careful planning.

"In one second, my entire life turned around," she says. The Roths are now living on Gila's monthly salary of NIS 2,000, supplemented by NIS 1,000 a month from the National Insurance Institute and whatever money the girls bring home from odd jobs. It's not enough, Gila says, to pay the $500 monthly rent on the spacious, four-room sea-view apartment the family moved into just a year before her husband's death. Soon they'll have to move.

Roth requested a welfare apartment from the Housing Ministry, and was assigned a 50-square-meter two-room flat in what she describes as a drug-ridden, dangerous Netanya neighborhood. She camped out in the ministry's Jerusalem offices, and begged for "a normal, three-room apartment, nothing fancy" in which to house herself and her two daughters, who are just beginning university. She was told she would have to wait.

Meanwhile, she's sold her car and is scrimping to make ends meet. "After all we've suffered, it's really hard," she says. "We've lost our provider."

Roth appeared on television Monday night and appealed openly to Attorney-General Dorit Beinish to reopen the case.

Whatever Beinish decides, Roth wants to sue the boys' families in civil court for financial compensation. Because of their sons, she says, she and her daughters were deprived of their livelihood. She says she doesn't know for how much to sue, and hasn't yet consulted a lawyer. "I don't understand much about these things," she says.

DEREK AND Gila Roth were very much in love. It was a second marriage for both.

Derek first lived in a kibbutz after immigrating 25 years ago; Gila arrived from Casablanca with her family in 1962 at the age of nine. They met in 1976, when Derek sold life and home insurance to Gila and her first husband, and then ran into each other by chance in 1984 when both were divorced from their first spouses. They married in January 1985, and Derek helped bring up her two daughters from her first marriage.

He used to leave notes around the house where he knew she would find them, scraps of paper saying "I love you," or "You're beautiful." Barely a week after his murder, Gila found his last note tucked away in a bathroom cupboard. "My Gila, how I love you," it read, and was signed, "Derek, XXXXXX."

January 15 would have been their ninth anniversary. Gila Roth had already invited all their friends to a surprise party. "Then he was the one who held a 'surprise party' for me instead," she murmurs.

"He was a very warm, loving man," she says. "He had great compassion. He was always willing to listen, not just to me and the children, but to their friends, to passengers in his cab. He was there for everyone."

Derek Roth began driving cabs just a year and a half before his death, and had been working nights for the Pituah company since January '93. He was very concerned, she says, about the well-heeled Herzliya youngsters he used to ferry around town at all hours of the night.

"These kids are terribly spoiled," she says. "Derek would pick them up at discotheques at 3, 4 o'clock in the morning. He'd listen to them talk in his cab, and think, 'Oy vey, what is our youth coming to?' He was really worried."

Nevertheless, he was well known for his kindness to his younger passengers. He'd often keep bags of candies or cookies in the cab, and would pass them out to the youngsters. "He'd always put on the music they liked," Roth says. "The kids loved him. Many showed up during the shiva, and I got dozens of letters saying how sorry they were at what happened. I was sure that if these two boys had known him, they could never have hurt him. That's why I was so devastated to learn that they had ridden in his cab before. He was a man you just had to love."

AROUND HER neck, Roth wears her husband's gold chain, one of the two pieces of jewelry returned to her by the police after his murder. One of her sisters had Derek's likeness engraved on a gold medallion, and Roth attached it to the necklace.

Roth looks much older than the smiling, well-kept woman who appears in photographs taken just a year ago. The past 10 months have aged her greatly.

"I wish I had his strength," she says with a sigh. "If things were reversed, and it had been me who was murdered, he would have screamed at the heavens for justice. But Gila has no strength. I wish I could just lie down on my bed and be left alone. I'm doing this because I know that's what he would have done. He would never have given up."

Roth hasn't touched a thing in the bedroom the couple used to share. She's left her husband's clothes and personal belongings exactly as they were the day he died, as if he might come home any minute.

"I know it's not possible, but I keep thinking that maybe, one day, he'll walk in and say it was all a mistake," she says.

As she no longer sleeps in that room, she takes turns sleeping in Shanit's or Limor's room, "sneaking" into her husband's bedroom each morning for clothes, "like a thief." She declines to show the room to this reporter, saying it is "too painful."

Now, Roth says, she's concentrating on seeing that her daughters finish their studies and get a good start in their adult lives.

"I'll never have the happiness I had with Derek again, but life goes on," she says. "I have two girls, I have a responsibility as their mother, and I hope slowly I'll learn how to live with this. I'll never forget him. He was my best friend.

"There are two things I'll never know: why this happened, and what was going on in their heads when they shot my husband. That's the question I'll be asking for as long as I live – why? And I'll never find the answer."

Father is punished for the sins of his son

"THERE'S no doubt that it was a tragedy for the taxi driver and his family, but it was also a tragedy for our two families," says the father of one of the 15-year-old Herzliya boys sentenced Monday for the January 9 murder of taxi driver Derek Roth.

The father, a lawyer, notes that he and his wife have five other children, ranging in age from five to 16. All are receiving intensive psychiatric treatment, and he and his wife are getting additional counseling to help them deal with the trauma their children are facing.

"Of course, it's affected all of them," he says. "I'm sure it's hurt the other children deeply. But the family is trying to stick together, and my wife and I are trying to be sensitive to what they're going through."

The family is considering moving to another town, he says. "Many times we've wondered whether it's possible to vanish entirely. I'm not sure that moving will solve our problem, but we're thinking about it."

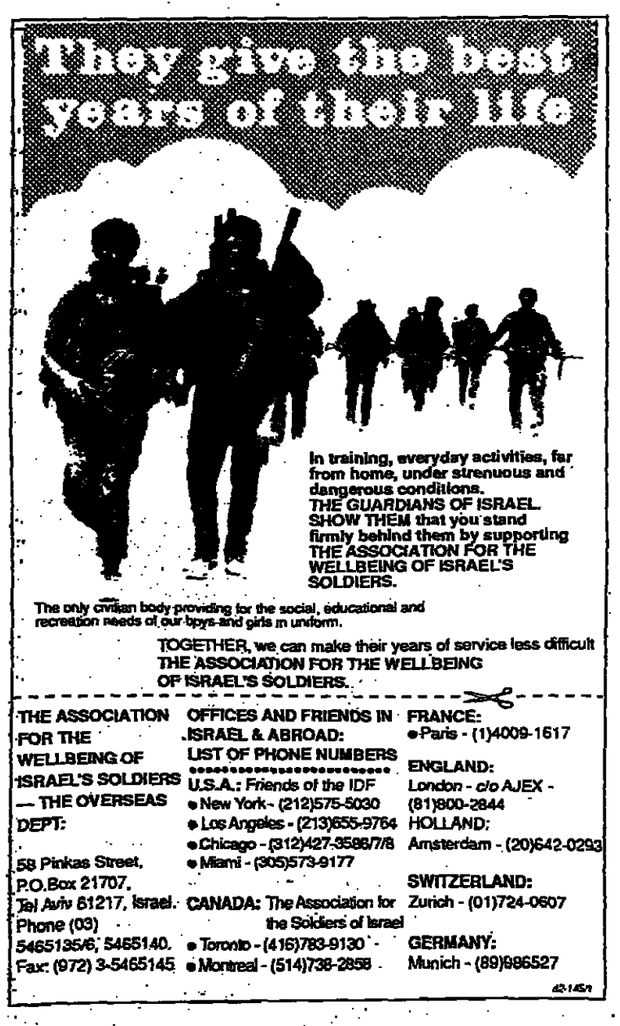
He seems surprised at the question whether he had considered offering financial compensation to Roth's widow and her two daughters. First of all, he says, the Roths haven't asked for anything. "The Roth family doesn't want any contact with us, and we haven't thought of it," he says.

But if Gila Roth did ask?

"That's a sensitive question," he says. "I don't really want to get into it here."

Throughout the interview, the father refrains from using the word "murder," referring only to "the event," or "what happened." Perhaps, as a lawyer, he is being careful not to implicate his son, who has not confessed to the killing. Or perhaps, as he himself explains, all the members of the family are so emotionally involved in the tragedy that they have no clear perspective as yet.

"We live this every minute, every second of the day," he says. "Our son's punishment is a punishment for the entire family. We'll need a lot of strength to face what's coming. We haven't recovered from what happened, and never will." *S.F.*


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She was a noble woman and a Righteous Gentile

Princess Alice, the late mother of Britain's Prince Philip, is being honored by Yad Vashem for saving Jews. **Batsheva Tsur** tells her story

WHEN the remains of Princess Alice of Greece were brought to Jerusalem for reinterment in 1988, few people knew that she had once had an intimate connection with the Jewish people, and was personally responsible for saving a Jewish family from extinction by the Nazis.

The ceremony was as private and simple as Princess Alice herself had been. Her son, Britain's Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, did not attend; only Princess Sophie, Philip's elder sister, made the journey. She was joined by senior British consular staff and a delegation from Buckingham Palace. At the time, the palace decided that the prince's presence in Israel would not be politically correct.

But on Monday, six years later, the Duke of Edinburgh will be here – to receive the Medal of Honor of Righteous Among the Nations in his late mother's name, at a ceremony at Yad Vashem. He will be accompanied by Sophie, who is also known as Princess George of Hanover.

After the ceremony, he will visit his mother's resting place, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene at Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives.

PRINCESS ALICE was born at Windsor Castle on February 25, 1885, and was christened Victoria Alice Elizabeth Julie Marie of Battenberg. She was the eldest child of Prince Louis of Battenberg (who later anglicized his name to Mountbatten) and Princess Victoria of Hesse, who was the granddaughter of Britain's Queen Victoria.

At an early age, Princess Alice was diagnosed as being almost completely deaf. But she became a fluent lip-reader by the age of eight, mastering not only English but also French, German, and, after her marriage, Greek.

In 1901, the princess met Prince Andrew of Greece, and two years later the monarchs and aristocracy of Europe gathered at a grand ceremony in the German city of Darmstadt for what would be one of the last great royal weddings of Europe. The prince and princess settled in Greece, where their four daughters were born.

Alice's disability made her sensitive to the needs of others, and she devoted much of her time to charity. In 1912, during the Balkan War, she joined the Red Cross and spent endless hours nursing sick and wounded Greek soldiers.

Meanwhile, also in 1912, Andrew's father, King George of Greece, stayed at the home of a Jewish family, the Cohens, in the northern Greek city of Trikkala, under circumstances which are not clear. But it is known that Haim Cohen, a wealthy businessman who became a member of the Greek parliament, maintained his friendship with the royal family. It was a friendship which would later save the lives of Cohen's widow, Rachel, and their five children.

During World War I, the Greek royal family was exiled to Switzerland. Upon their return, Prince Andrew and Princess Alice went to live on the island of Corfu. There, in 1921, on the family's dining-room table, Alice gave birth to her only son, Philip, the future Duke of Edinburgh.

A year later, the Greek army was defeated in battle by the Turks, and Prince Andrew was charged with treason. But the British intervened, and King George V, grandfather of Philip's future wife, arranged for Andrew's and Alice's move to France, where they were given a small apartment outside Paris.

Princess Alice again devoted much of her time to the sick and needy. She also became increasingly religious, entering the Greek Orthodox Church in 1928.

Over the years, the prince and princess drifted apart; in 1938, Alice returned to Athens alone. Wearing the long gray habit of a nun, she devoted her life to charitable work. It is not clear whether there was continuous contact between the Cohens and the members of the royal family during the period between the wars, but Alice never forgot her Jewish friends.



Princess Sophie, seen here (r) at the reinterment of her mother, Princess Alice, in Jerusalem in 1988, is returning with her brother, Prince Philip, for a ceremony honoring their mother. (Media)

From the royal palace in Athens, Alice continued working with the Red Cross during World War II, while the Cohens, fleeing the German occupation, hid on a farm outside the city. But fear of informers forced Rachel Cohen, who had recently been widowed, to hide in Athens with her daughter Tilda and her son Michel.

In October 1943, Princess Alice somehow learned of their plight and sent a message with a loyal servant, offering the Cohens a hiding place on the palace grounds. The three elder Cohen sons left Greece with the help of the Greek underground, and managed to reach Turkey by boat. From there, they went to Egypt, where they joined the Free Greek Army, according to Dr. Mordechai Paldiel of Yad Vashem.

Under Nazi occupation, not even the royal family was spared the threat of death for hiding Jews. Nevertheless, for 13 long months the princess visited the Cohens regularly, sending provisions to their hiding place and guarding them with the help of two loyal servants. Alice gave strict instructions to those in her employ to maintain absolute silence about the three refugees and never told them that the three were Jews. Aided by a member of the Greek underground, Pouris Dimosthenus, the princess was able to bring the family news of the three boys with the Free Greek forces.

After the war, the Cohen family moved to Paris. Contacted there this week, Michel Cohen, the family's last surviving sibling, would not divulge further details of the heroic deeds of his royal savior. It is hoped that more will come to light when Prince Philip addresses the gathering next week at Yad Vashem.

Princess Alice died at Buckingham Palace in 1969 at the age of 84, and was buried in St. George's Chapel in Windsor. But her dying wish had been to be buried on the Mount of Olives, alongside her aunt Elizabeth, who was the sister-in-law of the last Russian tsar and was killed by Bolsheviks.

The reburial was delayed nearly 20 years, both by political complications following the Six Day War, and by lengthy negotiations with the Russian Orthodox Church over the interment of the Greek Orthodox Alice.

This royal scoop was 10 years in the making

GRAPEVINE

GREER FAY CASHMAN

THE first Israeli reporter to be accorded an official interview by **King Hussein** was *Yediot Aharonot's* **Smadar** Peri, who for 10 years had periodically requested an audience with his majesty. Two years ago, the king promised her that, on reaching a peace accord with Israel, he would give her precedence over other representatives of Israel's fourth estate.

A SMOKER who courteously lights up for others as well as for himself, Hussein was photographed more than once lighting a cigarette for Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin**, and also for Peri. Rabin will have problems observing the new law that bans smoking in the workplace. Since Rabin, a heavy smoker, is on duty around the clock, just about every place he goes can be categorized as a workplace. But given his grueling schedule, few people begrudge him his puff.

Though not a politician, one of this week's most sought-after figures by both local and foreign journalists was former paratrooper **Yitzhak Yifat**, who was immortalized in June 1967 by photographer **David Rubinger**. Yifat is the central figure in Rubinger's stirring Six Day War shot of three Israeli soldiers standing awestruck at the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City. Yifat, incidentally, was the last person to whom Rabin's bureau chief **Eitan Haber** granted an invitation to Wednesday's historic ceremony.

PALESTINIANS AND Norwegians were among the guests at a dinner hosted by the Foreign Ministry in honor of French actress **Anouk Aimee**. The film star made a point of mentioning her Jewish origins to various Israeli dignitaries, and told Jerusalem Mayor **Ehud Olmert** that she was particularly pleased to receive his gift of a Lion of Judah pin, because her name is actually Yehudit. Olmert and **Ra'anan Dinur**, the head of the municipality's Culture Department, seized the moment to recruit Aimee's talents for Jerusalem's upcoming trimillennium celebrations.



There was special chemistry between Police Ministers Moshe Shahal (l) and Victor Yerin of Russia. (IPPA)

HE DID not come to spy out the land for his father-in-law, the Duke of Edinburgh. The reason for the presence in Israel of Commander **Timothy Lawrence**, second husband of **Princess Anne**, is that he happens to be secretary to **Malcolm Rifkind**, Britain's secretary of state for defense.

Rifkind, together with Prime Minister Rabin, was guest of honor at the annual Balfour Dinner hosted at the Tel Aviv Sheraton by Israel, Britain and the Commonwealth Association (IBCA).

There was no doubt that peace was in the air. As Rabin strode through the hotel lobby, he was cheered and applauded by tourists; and in the banquet room itself, he was given a standing ovation.

IBCA chairman **John Furman** confessed to having had a queasy feeling after the initialing of the Israel-Jordan peace agreement. When it was announced that the full signing ceremony would take place a few days later, Furman's first reaction was: "O Lord, what if it's the 23rd of October?" Had this been the case, he declared with British stoicism nurtured by his long Israel experience, "we would have had to move this entire dinner party to a border area between Israel and Jordan."

There were many references during Rifkind's visit to the fact that his was the first visit to Israel by a British defense secretary. Furman noted that he was also the first member of the British cabinet to participate in a Balfour Dinner. "We've had a number of prime ministers," he observed wryly, "but only after they're out of office." Rifkind, he said, had broken a taboo "by joining us while still in the cabinet."

Reactions to Rifkind by residents of the local British community were mixed. There were those who resented the fact that while there were frequent mentions of his Scottish background, both he and his hosts refrained, at the dinner, from speaking of his Jewish affiliations, an omission which some people found galling in view of the strong ties of Rifkind's wife, **Edith**, to Scottish WIZO.

Reviewing the historic impact of the Balfour Declaration, Rabin remarked that without it he doubted that he would have been born in Jerusalem. As a result of the Declaration, he explained, Jewish legions were formed in the British Army which fought against the Ottomans, and his father, who had come as an American volunteer to join the Jewish Legion, opted to stay.



The Lioness of Judah: Actress Anouk (you can call me Yehudit) Aimee (Hendler)

PRACTITIONERS OF the oldest profession rarely pay income tax. Meretz MK **Avraham Poraz** has joined those who want to change all that and give the government a share in their profits. Poraz argues that since prostitutes advertise their services, it should not be all that difficult for the tax man to find them. Poraz also wants to put an end to protection rackets, and figures that police will be more effective against the people who run them once the majority of prostitutes are registered with the tax authorities.

SINGER **Hava Alberstein** today celebrates 30 years as a recording artist with CBS-NMC. In honor of the occasion NMC Marketing is hosting a marathon bash at Jaffa port.

PATRONS OF the arts **Aida Feldman** of Mexico and **Janice Levin** of New York, who have each contributed huge sums of money to various cultural projects here, have made possible two additional Tel Aviv Foundation projects for which the cornerstones were laid this week. Feldman has donated an $8 million community center designed by architect **Moshe Safdie** in the Neveh Ofer neighborhood.

Levin, who had previously donated a music center for children in Jaffa, committed herself to a further $1 million outlay for an adjacent auditorium. Levin's name is closely linked with New York's Lincoln Center and the Metropolitan Museum of Arts.

THE FLORAL decorations had to be white and could include any flowers other than lilies, specified soprano **Jessye Norman**. The internationally renowned concert star is partial not only to white flowers, but also to sushi, pasta, salads and fresh fruits – all of which weighed down the tables at the reception organized by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation at the Tel Aviv Hilton following Norman's gala recital which launched the IPO's 1994/95 concert season.

THE MEZUZA affixed by Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi **Yisrael Meir Lau** was naturally silver. "May your products grace many Jewish homes in Israel and the Diaspora," he told **Ya'acov** and **Golda Mardinger**, managing director and president, respectively, of the HaZorfim chain which specializes in crafting silver ritual objects.

The occasion was the official opening of the company's largest showroom in Jerusalem's Givat Shaul neighborhood.

THE DISTINGUISHED silver-gray hair and beard are premature, giving the impression that **Yigal Levine**, managing director of the British Olim Society, is older than he is. Only last Saturday Levine reached that important half-century milestone. His wife **Linda** celebrates her 50th birthday in December.

THERE WAS some kind of special chemistry between Police Minister **Moshe Shahal** and his guest **Victor Yerin**, Russia's interior and police minister. The two fell into each other's arms on the tarmac at Ben-Gurion Airport and the mutual goodwill remained constant during Yerin's four-day visit.

VOTED NORTHERN Jewish Woman of the Year in an annual contest sponsored by the Leeds Jewish Committee Yorkshire Cancer Research campaign, **Joy Wolfe**, president of the Zionist Central Council of Greater Manchester, received as her prize something entirely befitting a Zionist leader – a trip to Israel.

The ticket was donated by El Al and the week's accommodation by the management of the Daniel Spa Hotel, Herzliya. Wolfe, who is also a freelance journalist, arrived yesterday, just in time to cover the visits of US President **Bill Clinton** and Britain's **Prince Philip**.

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Greetings:
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Dr. Gerhard Wahlers
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Opening Remarks:
Dr. Ephraim Sneh, Minister of Health
Keynote Address:
Mr. Anton Shammas
The Morning After: On "Israelis," "Palestinians," and Wishful Thinking.

Monday, October 31, 1994

09:00-11:00 First Session: Structural and Organizational Changes
Chairperson: Dr. Rafi Israeli (The Hebrew University)
Prof. Binyamin Neuberger (Open University)
Transition in the Patterns of Political Organization of the Arabs in Israel
Dr. Azmi Bishara (Bir Zeit University)
The Crisis of Arab Leadership: Where is the New Generation?
Respondent: Prof. Jacob Landau (The Hebrew University)

11:30-13:30 Second Session: The Integration into Israeli Politics
Chairperson: Dr. Majid al-Hajj (Haifa University)
Dr. Boaz Shapira (Tel Aviv University)
An Arab Minister in Israel: Past Barriers and Future Constraints
Mr. As'ad Ghanim (Givat Haviva)
Arab Participation in the Knesset: A Reconsideration and Examination of Alternatives
Respondent: Deputy Minister Nawaf Masalha, MK

14:30-16:30 Third Session: The Ideological Dimension
Chairperson: Prof David K'etzmer (The Hebrew University)
Prof. David Wasserstein (Tel Aviv University)
Muslims in Non-Muslim Majority States: A Doctrinal and Comparative Approach
Dr. Adel Mana' (The Institute for Israeli Arab Studies)
Identity in Crisis: The Arabs in Israel and the Israel-PLO Agreement
Respondent: Dr. Elie Rekhess (Tel Aviv University)

17:00-19:00 Panel Discussion
Jews and Arabs in Israel in an Era of Peace: Reconciliation or Escalation?
Moderator: Dr. Elie Rekhess (Tel Aviv University)
Participants: Muhammad Baraka, Secretary General, Hadash
Sheikh Abdallah Nimr Darwish, The Islamic Movement
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'Color' columnists distort black-and-white facts

EYE ON THE MEDIA
DAVID BAR-ILLAN

WITH the electronic media providing instantaneous coverage of events, the importance of newspaper commentaries and analyses has grown. Basic information can be obtained on radio and TV. What news consumers seek in newspapers is color and depth.

That is why it is becoming increasingly difficult to dismiss articles by columnists as mere opinions.

More often than not they include statements which purport to be factual, presented as if they are common knowledge. That the political affiliation of the columnist is often unknown compounds the problem.

The reader, seldom able to distinguish between a columnist and a reporter, tends to assume that journalistic standards of accuracy apply to such columns the way they do to straight news.

Ha'aretz columnist and television critic Orit Shohat, a former spokeswoman for peace activist and PLO salesman Uri Avneri, was upset by the negative reaction in the public to the Ehud Ya'ari-Farouk Shara interview ("Eye on the Media," October 14).

Even some in the "peace camp" were incensed by Shara's statement that Syria never shelled Israeli civilians. So Shohat, always a two-fisted defender of the underdog, wrote an impassioned defense of Shara.

Shara is right, she says. The aggressor has always been Israel. And to support her argument, she quotes Rabin's memoirs, in which he wrote that Israel fired on mechanical equipment intended to divert the Yarmuk waters before the 1967 war.

Leaving aside that arbitrarily diverting water can be a *casus belli*, what Shohat avoids mentioning is a bit of basic information which has become politically incorrect: that the war between Syria and Israel was not triggered by water diversions in the 1960s, but by a Syrian invasion launched almost immediately after the UN partition declaration in 1947, when a Syrian battalion attacked Kfar Szold.

Needless to say, Shohat considers the taking of the Golan in 1967 an act of aggression, which – she says – was forced on then chief-of-staff Rabin by the inhabitants of northern Israel.

She conveniently forgets the reason these kibbutzniks suddenly displayed such lust for imperialistic expansion. Like Shara, she never mentions the 19-year-long shelling by the Syrians of Israeli communities in the Hula and Jordan valleys.

Nor does she see anything wrong with Shara's stating that the establishment of Israel was the true original sin which caused exile and misery to "millions of Arabs."

After all, she says, the advent of the state did displace 750,000 Arabs (the real number could not have exceeded 400,000) who through natural increase have become millions.

But Shara did not just call the very fact of Israel an act of aggression. Nor did he say that Syria was not the *first* to shell civilians, but that it *never* shelled civilians. That Shohat can defend such outright lies is yet another example of post-Zionists' rewriting of history. The Soviet encyclopedists would have been green with envy.

MA'ARIV'S AMNON Abramovitz is another "peace camp" columnist who has difficulty distinguishing between invention and fact.

Like most of his fellow true-believers, who insist the majority of Israelis want to withdraw from the Golan, he was startled by the tremendous popular response to the Golan hunger strikers. Unlike his foreign colleagues ("Eye on the Media," October 7), he could not ignore the event entirely. It was too close to home.

Instead, he attempted to depict the close to 250,000 sympathizers who streamed to the Golan to identify with the strikers as low-lifes, the dregs of Israeli society. A talented polemicist who uses picturesque language, Abramovitz must have an uncanny ability to discern motives, background and political proclivities of thousands with a cursory look. Having spent two hours in Gamla during the 19-day strike, he was able to determine that the people visiting the strikers' tent were decidedly low-class, the type who rush to Turkey to gamble and habitually steal faucets from Turkish hotels. "There is a 'duty-free' atmosphere all over," he writes.

To protest that the visitors included generals, prominent businessmen, politicians and numerous professionals is almost demeaning. But the arrogant class-consciousness of the Israeli left never ceases to amaze. Are the 300,000 Israelis who go to Turkey for their vacations inferior to Abramovitz's Sheinkin Street friends who tour Europe and the US?

The egalitarian Abramovitz, a certified "beautiful soul" who gets livid when the right of Arab citizens to vote on the fate of the country is questioned, obviously thinks so.

With similar arrogance, Abramovitz contemptuously dismisses the hunger strikers' motives. The 12 who fasted for 19 days stayed outdoors during a heat wave, not in an air-conditioned suite at the Hilton (the venue for Abie Nathan's hunger strike, glorified as a heroic struggle by the left). Two of the strikers collapsed, but insisted on returning to the strike after receiving medical attention. Their weight loss was visible and dangerous. The doctors were alarmed on several occasions.

But Abramovitz summed it all up with a blithe assurance to his readers that it was all done because one of the strike leaders, Yehuda Harel, felt like ruffling Rabin's feathers just for the hell of it.

Even more offensive is the outrageous manipulation of historic facts. According to Abramovitz, what Israel did in 1967 was to displace 100,000 Syrians who were happily living in the Golan. "Today they live in the southern suburbs of Damascus, and are reportedly counting the years, longing for the day they can return and rebuild their homes as in the days of old."

What he fails to mention is that the Syrians who "lived" in the Golan area (the number is 136,000) were all military personnel who were responsible for the attacks on Israeli communities between 1948 and 1967. They served in the Golan anywhere between a year and five years as part of their military service.

Their "reported" 27-year-old pining to return to its bunkers is, to paraphrase a famous *New Yorker* magazine line, a report we doubt ever got reported.

REUTERS PROTESTS

The following was received from Reuters in Cyprus:

Dear sir,

Your editorial headed "The role of the press" in *The Jerusalem Post* of October 17 is an unjustifiable attack on Reuters and the integrity of our journalists worldwide.... For the record, Reuters does not take sides in international disputes.

We pride ourselves on being an impartial news organization. It is absurd to accuse us of being anti-Israel.

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Four members of our editorial team in Gaza were questioned by Palestinian authorities on their roles in obtaining video film connected with the Hamas kidnapping of an Israeli soldier. They were subsequently released without charge, belying the label of "Hamas operators" in your editorial. The Israeli authorities also have not accused them, or Reuters, of acting improperly.

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Yours faithfully,
Graham Stewart
Editor
Middle East and Africa

Examples of the way Reuters prostitutes journalistic standards to further the cause of the PLO and Hamas have been offered in several "Eye on the Media" columns and in the October 17 editorial.

None of the charges has ever been refuted. Nor can Reuters show one story from Israel ever remotely favorable to the state in the past decade.

To see the Palestinian Authority's decision to release the four Hamas apparatchiks who work for Reuters as proof of innocence is ludicrous. If anything, it is surprising the PA did not award them a medal. What the letter fails to mention is that one of them, Tahir Shariteh, is not only a Reuters reporter but the publisher and editor of a Hamas organ called *Falastin*.

To understand how outrageous the employment of such a reporter is, one should imagine Reuters employing an editor of a Kach publication as a correspondent. This in no way implies a comparison between the mindless hooligans of Kach and the murderers of Hamas, but it does point to a simple fact: what Reuters considers utterly unthinkable in the case of Israelis it deems perfectly natural for Palestinians.

What is surprising about all this is that Reuters feels that it has to employ PLO and Hamas operatives altogether. Its own Anglo-Saxon journalists are so biased in favor of the Palestinians that they need no help in slandering Israel.

Concepts of regionalism

VIEW FROM NOV
MOSHE KOHN

ABBA Eban once warned us against ignoring Arab liberation movements in our region. At the same time he cautioned: "We must not slide into the conceptions of regionalism" (*The Jerusalem Post*, January 6, 1952). He was referring to a notion propagated by Jewish "Canaanites" that we would have peace only after we had integrated ourselves into our "Semitic region."

We are integrating.

Cynics used to say that if our Arab enemies had sense, they would declare peace on us and open the borders. So weak is our national adherence to Jewish/Zionist values, those cynics maintained, that in no time at all most Israeli Jews would be off to all Arab points from Alexandria, Baghdad, Cairo and Damascus through to Zahle (the home in Lebanon of the best-quality arak) to taste the worldly delights of Araby, some even to settle there.

In the peace euphoria emanating from our Jordanian horizon, we have had several intimations that those cynics may have been righter than they realized.

The minds of our tourism entrepreneurs are feverishly at work. Tourism Minister Uzi Baram called Monday, October 17, the day of the initialing of the Jordan-Israel pact in Amman, "a great day for tourism." Among the big plans are bar-mitzva tours to Nabatean Petra and, of course, a gambling casino.

Kibbutzim will do their share. Ashdot Ya'acov Ihud and Ashdot Ya'acov Meuhad, born of a split that occurred 42 years ago – as it did in some other kibbutzim – over attitudes to Stalinism, are thinking of building a hotel on the island at Naharayim where the Yarmuk River meets the Jordan.

And oh yes, a casino.

World Jewry, too – that is, those Jews who donate to the United Jewish Appeal/United Israel Appeal – will have a share in turning Israel into a gambling center if the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Department, headed by the Likud's Sali Meridor, carries out its idea of building a casino near Qumran. The department has also mooted the idea of a Dead Sea "Love Boat," which might be called *MV Sodom Special*.

An international consortium of entrepreneurs, organized by an Israeli, is thinking of creating an artificial lake in the Arava, in which they would plant an artificial island, which would hold a "City of Peace." This city would be settled by people of various nationalities who would preserve their respective ethnic lifestyles.

The plan includes thousands of hotel rooms and ... a casino.

Peace presents limitless opportunities now that we've run out of plaque space at educational, medical, religious and other communal facilities to perpetuate the memory of Jewish communities, philanthropists and leaders. Think of all the casinos; roulette, baccarat and blackjack tables; *Sodom Special* cabins and the like, that will now be available for such plagues.

Proponents of secular humanistic Judaism should also speak up about this purple vision of the messy-antics era to dawn in the Holy Land on the signing of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty.

AN EXAMPLE of Israeli secular culture that I discovered only last week involves Rabbi Akiva's father-in-law, known as [Ben] Kalba Savua.

His name means "[Son of the] Sated Dog."

There are two explanations for this strange name.

He was very wealthy and generous. His door was always open to the needy, and whoever entered his home hungry as a dog went away sated. Or: whoever entered his home hungry went away sated as a dog *(Yerushalmi Taanit 4:2; Gittin 56a; Avot D'Rabbi Natan, Buber edition, A:6, B:13; Ketubot 62b-63a; Nedarim 50a)*.

In today's Jerusalem, his memory is perpetuated by a pub bearing his name, which "those over 21 or developed males and females" may enter on payment of NIS 20. A window poster explains:

"Kalba Savua ... was very rich, *Alla yerahamu* ["Allah have mercy on him" in Arabic].... He was so rich and so generous that he fed all of Jerusalem at his own expense in soup kitchens that he built for them. Every hungry dog came away from him sated, from which he got his name Kalba Savua. All his life he dreamed of opening a tavern in the center of the city.... 'Kalba on the Town' he wanted to call it. He wanted to, but he died. In memoriam to him."

IN THE manifesto of Tehilla/Israel Association for Secular Humanistic Judaism issued several years ago, Prof. Yehuda Bauer wrote:

"Secular Judaism perceives in our Jewish heritage a source of inspiration rather than of binding authority. Neither the belief in God nor the fulfillment of the *mitzvot* [religious precepts] should be seen as a condition for the continuity of Jewish life. This is all the more true in light of the fact that Zionism arose as a movement of revolt against accepted religious concepts."

It is time for Zionism to revolt again, against its accepted and bankrupt secular concepts.

ON THE NIGHT of November 9-10, 1938, the Germans and their collaborators in Germany, Austria and the Sudetenland vandalized 1,300 synagogues, including about 270 that they torched or otherwise demolished; wrecked 10,000 Jewish-owned homes, businesses and offices; murdered more than 90 Jews; and arrested 30,000 Jews, many of whom died in prisons or concentration camps.

People call that atrocity by the German name *Kristallnacht*, which means "Crystal Night." It is more generally called "The Night of the Broken Glass."

That might be an appropriate name to be used by those who deny that there ever was a Holocaust and assert that, in fact, the Jews deserved whatever punishment the Hitler-led Germans and their collaborators inflicted on them. It is hardly a suitable name for us to continue using today.

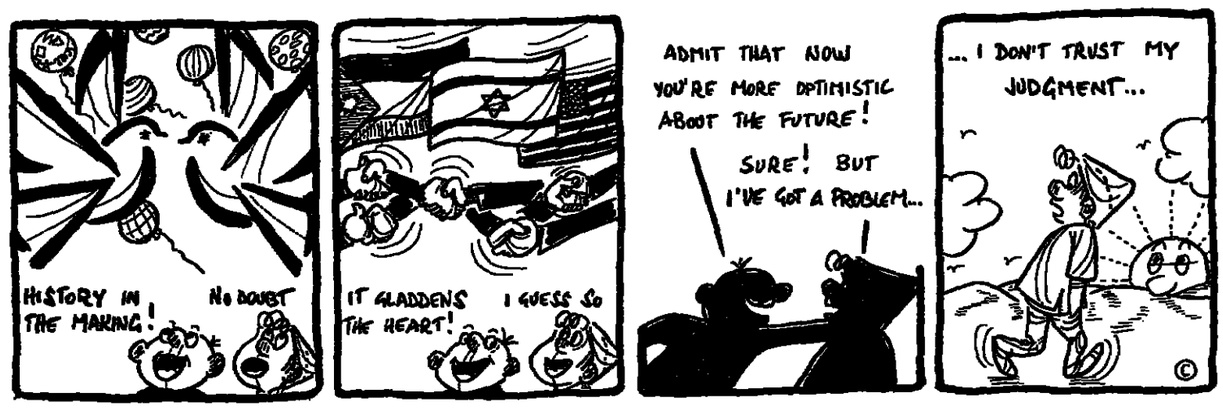
Where did the name originate?

In the course of that pogrom, the perpetrators smashed synagogue and shop windows, and made a special point of shattering crystal chandeliers and other precious crystal objects in synagogues and Jewish homes.

So with characteristic Nazi humor, Germany's economics minister at the time, Walther Funk, called it *Kristallnacht*. That was one of a series of Nazi rapes of the language, including the notorious *Aussiedlung* (Resettlement) to describe deportation to concentration and death camps; and the motto *Arbeit Macht Frei* (Work Liberates) above the entrance gates to the camps.

Why do we honor Walther Funk by using his sardonic euphemism? In Germany itself, writers and historians have been identifying the date as *Pogromnacht* (the Night of the Pogrom) or the Night of the November 9-10 Pogrom. One might also call it the Night of the Burned Synagogues.

SRULIK by DOSH



Abraham's gift: A universal vision

SHABBAT SHALOM
SHLOMO RISKIN

THE NEXT time a political figure in Israel gathers a chorus to protest rabbinic authority in such aspects of our lives as death, marriage and divorce, we should direct him to this week's portion of Hayei Sara. Here we see that burial and marriage cannot be left to chance, but require the intimate involvement and guidance of Abraham, the world's first spiritual adviser in ethical monotheism.

The first thing that commands our attention is how much space the Torah devotes to Abraham's acquisition of a burial site for Sarah. If the fact that she's buried in this particular place is to prove important, why not simply stress the information that Sarah died in Kiryat Arba and was buried in a field that Abraham bought from the Hittites, etc.? But we also get a long description of a business transaction. Are we supposed to care that much about who said what to whom?

Of course, Sarah's death warrants special attention, but since we hear nothing of the eulogy itself, only the statement that Abraham eulogized her, there appears to be some sort of imbalance, as if the transaction is more important.

And what compounds the matter is that while Abraham bargains for a burial site, Sarah lies unburied. And what is Abraham bargaining about? The Hittites want to *give* him a plot, but he insists on paying!

(The Talmud maintains that the law that engagement may be effected by making a monetary gift to a woman is deduced from Abraham's paying for the acquisition of Sarah's burial plot. What a strange juxtaposition, marriage and burial!)

Precisely because of the way it is recorded, the death of Sarah may be the turning point of Abraham's life. Until now, his relationship to the world has been fairly successful. He may have had a vision of the one God, but he has hardly chosen to live in Mea She'arim.

He is a confirmed universalist, preaching the doctrine of ethical monotheism to all who will listen, waging wars, making treaties: he is very much the humanitarian, a civil libertarian pleading for Sodom and Gomorrah.

He understands and loves Ishmael despite the latter's wild impulses. He is considered "a Prince of God" by the Hittites. Everyone would love to do something for him, like making a gift of the finest gravesite available. And if he were to take such a gift it would mark him forever as the Most Distinguished Hittite of the Year. He would be a perfect candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize.

But the *Akeda* has made it clear that Isaac is not just another Ishmael (give or take an impulse): through him and only through *him* will Jewish destiny unfold.

THE PURCHASE of the Cave of Machpela, which immediately follows the binding of Isaac, is Abraham's first opportunity to dramatize his new understanding that a universal vision of mankind must evolve from the particular reality of Israel. The Jewish people cannot be identified with Heth, or with Hong Kong, with Sodom or with Switzerland.

Facing the Hittites, desiring to bury the mother of the child who represents this particular vision of Israel, he keeps nothing concealed. You thought I was a prince among men, a noble spirit, a member of your fraternity. But the truth is that "I am a stranger and a sojourner with you [*ger toshav*]," a sojourner in body, a stranger in spirit. (Gen. 23:4)

This moment of declaration, of self-recognition, may well be where his life has been heading all along.

Abraham's stand-off with the Hittites is really the first opportunity to stake his claim to being different – separate, a stranger – and as such he wants a grave far apart, "at the edge of his field [Gen. 23:9]," and even insists on paying a steep price for it.

Sarah's death makes Abraham realize that he has reached a crossroad. As long as a person does not define and limit his responsibilities, he'll consider all kinds of ideas.

But life is, after all, limited; death freezes the moment forever. How we are defined when we die is how our lives are to be assessed. If she is buried among the Hittites, Sarah's grave will eventually disappear. But if her burial site is destined to become the first Jewish cemetery, there is a good chance it will last until the end of time.

IS THIS the end of the story? Hardly.

No sooner is Sarah buried than Abraham realizes that Isaac must get married. But not just to any wife! Abraham assigns the job of matchmaker to his trusted servant Eliezer, declaring: "I will bind you by an oath to God... that you shall not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites.... But you shall go to my country, and to my kindred."

And when Eliezer asks the logical question, Abraham is adamant: under no circumstances must Isaac move there. If the woman won't come to the land of Israel, Eliezer is absolved of the oath.

Clearly, Abraham is saying that it is not only important whom you marry, but where you live. There are unique customs that Isaac's future wife will have to learn, and that will not be possible if they live outside Israel. Isaac's wife cannot be a Canaanite influenced by Canaan; she must be an Abrahamite influenced by Abraham.

This is one of the most important messages world Jewry must understand. If a person wants to die as a Jew, he must live as a Jew, and if he wants to live as Jew, he must marry as a Jew.

The mixing of cultures may look like an interesting experiment, but the results are disastrous. Contemporary Jews – both within and without Israel – understand universalism, but have yet to learn the value of particularism. Until we do, we contribute to every culture in the world, but run the risk of losing our own.

Shabbat Shalom

As Hanukka approaches, help us meet our commitments

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If we are to continue with this most important project, we will need many donations to build the *fund up for next year*.

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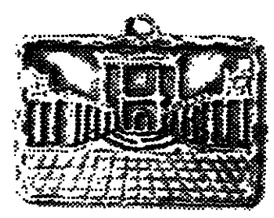
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Beauty therapist looks the world right in the face

Justine, a South African cosmetics firm, is testing out the Israeli market with an eye to the Middle East. **Rachel Neiman** reports

THE world looks very different now from where Veronica Devine sits. A South African cosmetics manufacturer who has lived through economic sanctions, recessions and political instability, Devine was able in 1994 to stick pins in the map – Africa, then Europe and the Middle East – and know that vistas were opening before her.

Cosmetics are a fiercely competitive world arena, and Devine's company, Justine, is relatively unknown. But South African consumers have granted Justine a 5% market share, and Justine's projected turnover for 1994 is in excess of R70 million (NIS 60m). The firm employs 275 workers and exports to 27 countries. But up until now, exports accounted for only 7% of turnover. Devine intends to change all that, and her visit here last week is just part of her strategy.

When this beauty therapist says unblinkingly, "Skin is skin, as far as I'm concerned," she is talking about more than facial treatments. In 1991, her company qualified for a South African Federation for Business and Professional Award as an equal opportunity employer. Devine and Justine have helped sponsor awards and training for black women and teenagers in business, and Justine has a reputation for advancing the careers of women. Devine herself was nominated for 1994 Businesswoman of the Year by the Executive Women's Club of South Africa. It's been, she says, "a most magnificent year – the year of the first free elections and certainly the most exciting moment in my life."

Justine was started 21 years ago "with no money" by Devine and her late partner, cosmetic chemist Paul Symes. "I always felt I could earn my own income," says Devine. But she also got a real push the day she questioned a commission check. She was then selling stationery and paper goods and was told by her employer not to complain. She recalls his words most clearly: "You're earning a very nice sum, for a woman."

The advice she gives to business people today follows the same principle she adopted 21 years ago. "We live in a society which is very calculated, very one-sided. I think people should learn to trust their intuition and follow their hearts."

Devine set out to cater to the majority of women "who don't have a lot of money to spend." Consumer training about how to use the product correctly was also a priority. The now-common practice of using totally natural ingredients was a novel approach in 1973. "We did other crazy things," Devine says. "We decided not to use expensive packaging, to let the ingredients make up the bulk of the cost."

DEVINE chose to sell not through stores but by direct sales, which she favors because "it creates jobs." In addition, she says, Justine's direct marketing encourages people to "discover how good they are." Sales in South Africa today are conducted through 9,000 consultants and 650 beauty salons. In other countries Justine might sell through retail channels. "It depends on the country, the distributor and on the amount of customer education needed."

Justine "got big about 10 years ago," Devine says, and the company doubled every year for the first five or six years. Between 1989 and 1992, she says, the recession in South Africa created a psychological depression among consumers which "can work for or against you. People will buy cosmetics to give themselves a lift but at the same time, a period of uncertainty may mean they limit their budgets."

The economic sanctions placed on South Africa by the world community were a most frustrating obstacle. "We had become a very dominant, powerful company with a 25% market share. We were dying to spread our wings."

Justine began exporting to the neighboring countries of Botswana, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola, Tanzania and Kenya. Exports now go to to 27 countries including the UK, Sweden and Israel. Since the lifting of sanctions, says Devine, Justine is operating at a 30% gross profit margin for 1994. She expects to go public within the next few years.

Devine mentions Clarins and Clinique as her main competition. Although direct selling can initially expand a market, she says, eventually all compete for the same customers. In order to penetrate the brand-oriented Israeli mentality, marketing here will be carried out by the one-on-one direct sales method, by referral or appointment, and through beauty salons. Makeover days at hotels will also be held. "It is important for potential customers to sample and feel the products," says Devine.

Justine entered the market here some 18 months ago, following months of waiting for approval from the Health Ministry. Never before, says Devine, has the company seen "such red tape and registration costs."

Merle Proos is Justine's Israel representative, with some 180 consultants here and a target of 500 consultants by the end of 1995.

Devine says South Africa and Israel share similar problems in terms of sun, heat, dryness and humidity. There is "a need for education about the sun and aging." She notes the trend for manufacturers to gear both marketing and cosmetic science to an increasingly broader age range. Devine says certain products will "hit" in certain markets.

The coastal regions of Durban and Cape Town prefer light, easily absorbed products, while in the dry high altitude of Johannesburg consumers require hydration.

In Israel Devine visited Tuboplast-Lageen of Kibbutz Yagur, from whom she will import plastic tubes. She is thinking about the possibilities of manufacturing plants here and using Israel as a springboard to the former Eastern Bloc.

The map on her wall is of an increasingly bigger world.



Veronica Devine of Justine cosmetics has a reputation for advancing the careers of women.

Turkish ready-wear producers unveil designs on exports

With fewer restrictions in the European market, Turkey's fashion industry looks ahead to an even richer future. **Clelia Oziel** reports from Izmir

TURKEY, the world's fifth largest exporter of ready-to-wear clothes, is rolling up its sleeves in an effort to become the fashion center of the Middle East after the planned customs union with Europe at the end of next year.

About 300 Turkish manufacturers displayed their garments between October 6 and 9 in the Pret 1994 fair in the Aegean city of Izmir, Turkey's major center for textiles and clothing.

Ready-to-wear products, Turkey's biggest export item, earn $4.5 billion annually or 30 percent of all exports. The sector's 20,000 manufacturers employ 20 percent of the industrial work force, government figures show.

"We are ready for the competition," said Nur Ger, head of the Turkish Clothing Manufacturers Association. "Turkey no longer sells cheap goods, it sells top quality," she said.

Investment in modern technology, proximity to European markets, availability of local cotton and a relatively cheap labor force have made Turkey's clothing industry highly competitive against counterparts in Europe and the Far East.

The Turkish ready-to-wear industry, the third biggest exporter to Europe after Italy and France, does not have much to fear from the customs union in 1995, industry sources say.

Under the union, Turkey will scrap a 27% tariff on EU textile imports. The EU will put an end to quotas on Turkish imports.

Although Turkey generally does not fill its export quotas to Europe, few countries can match it for quick delivery and flexibility in adapting to changing fashion, producers say.

"Turkey can become the fashion center of its region, and European manufacturers can cooperate with Turkish firms in penetrating unexploited markets in the east and the Commonwealth of Independent States," Ger said.

THE PICTURE is not as bright for the $5 billion domestic market, which is just recovering from recession. Insufficient capital and reliance on costly bank loans may force many out of work once tariff protection is removed.

Readywear-makers such as Portugal, Spain and Greece may also force the EU to slap non-tariff barriers on Turkish exports, while cheap clothes from the Far East could flood into Turkey via Europe. An unstable currency poses another threat.

The government, preoccupied with legislation on privatization and democratization before by-elections in December, has given the customs union project little practical attention.

But it has shown its willingness to support clothing exporters.

It recently imposed a surtax of $0.60 per kilo on exports of raw cotton to divert more to domestic clothes-makers. Reforms in subsidies have brought cotton prices down to world levels. (Reuter)

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A journal that's on – not about – compact disks, positions a new company for the era of interactive media, **Martin Wolk** writes

JERRY Franklin faces the same questions a lot of magazine editors do: How much coverage to devote to the O.J. Simpson trial, which new movies and books to review, what kind of picture to use on the cover.

But unlike most editors, Franklin also has to consider which movie clips, music videos and sound bites to include in his publication – a CD-ROM touted as the first multimedia general interest magazine.

While *Time, Newsweek* and other magazines have tested CD-ROM versions, Franklin's periodical, *Medio*, is the first to be conceived to be read on the computer screen rather than on paper.

"We're really doing nothing less than creating the next wave of journalism," he said. "It's a new way of telling a story, visually and via multimedia."

A recent issue of the magazine, which sells for $9.95, or $59.95 a year, includes more than 3,000 Associated Press news articles, many with photos, as well as multimedia features on O.J. Simpson and Jackie Kennedy Onassis, movie and music reviews, and special games and features for children.

Readers navigate through the disk using a computer mouse, clicking on icons for news, entertainment, sports and other categories. A typical movie review will include text, a video clip of up to two minutes, and production notes.

CD-ROM technology lets editors link articles by highlighted "hypertext," allowing readers to jump from a movie review to a biography of an actor mentioned in it.

The huge capacity of the compact disk also permits editors to include an encyclopedic reference section in each issue, with maps and articles on countries of the world.

So far the magazine has had only a few ads in each of its three issues – mostly from other software companies – although sales representatives are working with advertising agencies to develop interest in the medium.

The magazine is the brainchild of Steve Podradchik, president and founder of Medio Multimedia Inc. He hopes to use it to establish his year-old company as a player in the on-line market and in the coming world of interactive television.

That ambition got strong backing last week when Microsoft Corp. co-founder, billionaire Paul Allen, made an unspecified equity investment in the company.

"We needed to really make a name for ourselves in the industry," said Podradchik, a former Microsoft Corp. product manager. "We wanted the magazine to be almost a required piece if you had a CD-ROM in the computer," he said.

To be sure, the magazine still faces hurdles, including a two-week time lag from final editing until production of the disks is completed. And software retail stores are so far not equipped to handle a monthly product, so the latest issue will not be available through stores.

But Podradchik sees the magazine as a key to reaching the growing number of households with multimedia computers and as the planned launching pad for a new on-line interactive computer network, to be offered perhaps by year end. (Reuter)

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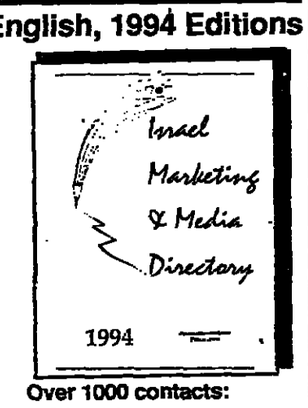
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Believing what you read

CHESS
NIGEL DAVIES

AMONG the attributes that chess can help develop is a healthy disrespect for the printed word. A lot of chess research involves questioning established views, finding improvements, rejecting dogma.

During the early part of the century there was an honest if somewhat egotistical battle of ideas among the leading players, continued both in print and over the board in combat. But those glorious days are now long gone.

In these days of Informators and computer databases, a new and sinister development is noticeable. In their efforts to maintain the edge, some players adopt a deliberate policy of misinformation.

In his recent excellent articles in *British Chess Magazine*, Lubosh Kavalek recalls how he prepared Nigel Short for his match with Garry Kasparov. Kavalek described how the young Kasparov tried to set up his opponents with faulty analysis, quoting the game Roth-Kasparov from the 1980 Malta Olympiad.

After the moves 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 a6 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.Bb3 Na5 10.g4 b5 11.g5 Nd7 12.f4 b4 Roth played 13.Na4. In his notes Kasparov recommended 13.Nd5! exd5 14.exd5 Nc5 15.Nc6! Nxc6 16.Bxc5+, not mentioning that after 16...Qe7 17.Ba4, Black can emerge a piece up after 17...Qxe2+ 18.Kxe2 Bd7.

My third-round game from the Lloyds Bank Masters was my quickest ever win in an international tournament, a mere 12 moves against a German player rated 2320! But was my opponent the victim of some misinformation on the part of one of his compatriots, Gerhardt Hertneck?

Davies, N – Thiel, T
English Opening

1.e4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0 Be7 7.d4 exd4

The critical line is 7...e4 8.Ne5 f5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 when Black's extra space compensates him for his weakened pawn structure. Liquidating the center leaves White with the better game.

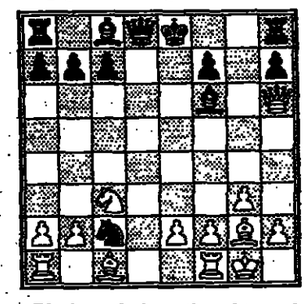
8.Nxd4 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Nb4?

Thus far we had followed a game Lobron-Hertneck, Munich 1994, published in Informator 60, in which Black played the sensible 9...Nf6. But in his notes to the game Hertneck suggested 9...Nb4 as being an interesting alternative.

Did Black know about this or was he on his own resources? The latter, I suspect, judging from the time he was consuming.

Black reasons that the threat of 10...Nc2 would render g7 invulnerable. But after due consideration I sprang joyfully into the trap!

10.Qxg7!! Bf6 11.Qh6 Nc2 12.Nc3!



Black sank into thought, and after some time held out his hand to resign (1-0).

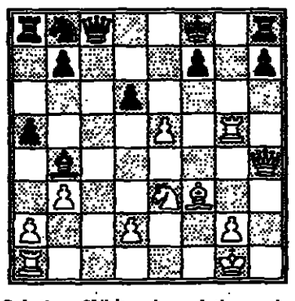
Jonathon Speelman later commented that resignation was an extremely deep move; but the following variations show it probably helped save him further suffering.

After 12...Bxc3 there follows 13.bxc3 Nxa1 14.Qg7 Rf8 (if 14...Kd7 there is 15.Rd1+ and 14...Ke7 is met by 15.Bg5+) 15.Ba3 winning.

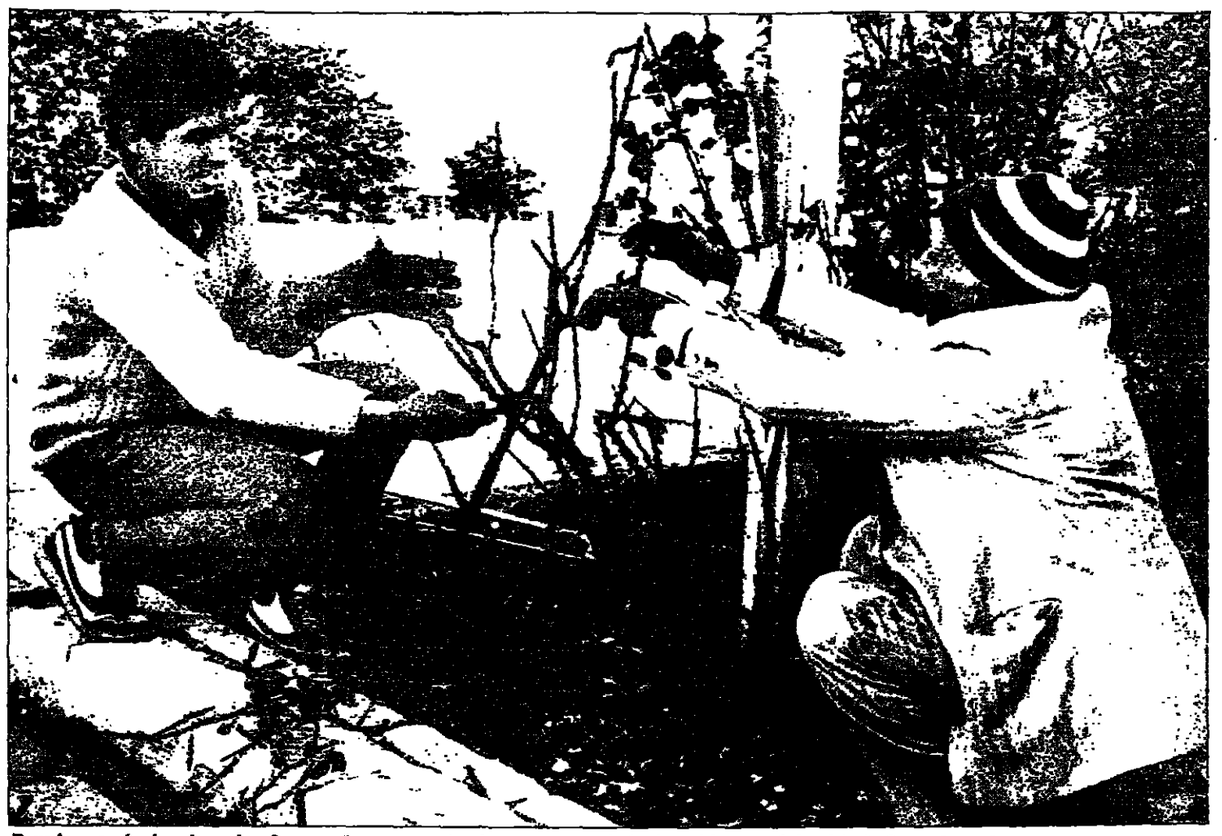
And the immediate 12...Nxa1 loses after 13.Rd1 Bd7 (13...Qe7 is met by 14.Nd5 and 13...Bd4 by 14.Bg5 Qd6 15.Qxd6 cxd6 16.Rxd4 with a winning position) 14.Nd5 Be7 (or 14...Be5 15.Bg5 Qc8 16.Bf6 etc..) 15.Qg7 Rf8 16.Bh6 (threatening 17.Nf6+) 16...Bd6 (or 16...f6 17.Bf3) 17.Nf6+ Ke7 18.Bg5 etc..

Had Black followed Hertneck's suggestion or did he make it up as he went along? Had Hertneck made a deliberate mistake or was it deliberate misinformation? These days it is difficult to know.

THIS WEEK'S problem is from a Palevic-Sosnin game, played in 1984. White to play brought off a spectacular winning combination (see diagram).



Solution: White cleared the path for his queen to invade d8 with 1.Bxb7!! Qxb7 2.Rg8+!! Rxg8 (or 2...Kxg8 3.Qd8+ Kg7 4.Nf5+ Kg6 5.Qf6+ Kh5 6.Qh4+ Kg6 7.Qg4 mate) 3.Qd8+ Kg7 4.Nf5+ Kg6 5.Qf6+ Kh5 and now rather than his 6.Qh6+ Kg4 7.Ne3+ Kg3 8.Qh2 mate, White should have won more quickly with 6.Qh4+! Kg6 7.Qg4 mate.



Pruning and cleaning the fungus from rose bushes ensures their last bloom of health before the winter comes.

Supper menu for the last roses

GARDENING
INEZ KLIMIST

CHRYSANTHEMUMS, marigolds, busy lizzies and asters are still beautiful, and our gardens have spots of color. But it's roses that come into their own now in a last burst of color before the winter begins.

Give your roses a feeding of manure and a dressing of general fertilizer to keep them going. If you are using 20-20-20, spread 2 teaspoons around each plant.

Remove faded flowers immediately to keep the bush blooming as long as possible. Pick up all fallen leaves and petals and keep the ground very clean to avoid fungus diseases.

If the debris is clean of any infection, you can throw it on the compost pile. Rose bushes are especially susceptible to fungus during autumn, when evenings are wet with dew.

If you see any light green branches with lots of thorns on them, cut them off flush with the main stem with your clippers or a sharp knife. These suckers will tap the plant's strength. Be sure to keep watering when skies are dry.

Should signs of fungus appear, cut off and gather up all blighted leaves, put them into a plastic bag and get rid of them in the garbage can. I prefer not to burn them; it's really not necessary.

Wash your hands well to avoid carrying fungus spores from plant to plant. Then make up a solution of Seprol and spray the bushes thoroughly, not forgetting to spray the bottom of leaves, too. A bit of the spray on the soil around the plant is not a bad idea.

ALL THE books say now is the time to transplant roses, when the plants are ready to go dormant. They will have a chance to get established before any really cold weather comes along. I have always recommended autumn for transplanting almost anything.

This past August, however, I had a pleasant surprise, working when the temperature was quite high in the new garden of the British Council Cultural Center in Jerusalem's Baka neighborhood. We moved seven or eight large old rose bushes on the grounds. We did so with much care, and to my surprise and delight, all the bushes survived, and began to put out new leaves in only a week. Two weeks later we were already seeing flower buds.

We dug the planting holes rather deeper than usual, and wet them down thoroughly. We put in compost and some new soil. We dug the roses out as deeply as we could, cutting away as little of the root system as possible. Then we whisked the bushes into the new holes, covered them with good soil and more compost and a sprinkling of Ozmacote.

We pruned the bushes down to one-third of their original size and dug a trench about 5 cm deep around each bush and filled it with water. We made sure that they were soaked every day. We disproved every theory about transplanting in the heat of summer. So maybe with a little luck and lots of hutzpa, you can get away with almost anything in your garden. Plants are generally forgiving and tough.

A READER asks about her canna lilies, which came up looking fine; but then the leaves turned brown and curled, and the lilies never bloomed. What went wrong?

Last summer was very hot, and the cannas may have been stressed for water while the flowers were forming. They will then turn brown, and buds will abort. Canna lilies like full sun, but need a well-drained soil that is constantly moist to a depth of about 12 cm. If the stalks were spindly, that's a sign that the rhizomes are overcrowded. They need to be divided every three or four years.

In early spring, lift and divide the rhizomes, making sure that each section has two or three eyes. Replant them, covering with 2 or 3 cm. of rich, loose soil and some fertilizer. If the rhizomes are planted too deeply, flowering is limited.

When Israelis made hot music

BRIDGE
MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

East dealer
Both sides vulnerable

	North	
	♠ Q8	
	♡ 642	
	◇ KQ97	
	♣ J1054	
West (Katz)		East (Rand)
♠ 6		♠ 942
♡ A53		♡ KQ10987
◇ A83		◇ J652
♣ Q98732		♣ –
	South	
	♠ AKJ10753	
	♡ J	
	◇ 104	
	♣ AK6	

Katz West	North	Rand East	South
–	–	2♡	3♠
4♡	4♠	(all pass)	

WHEN you're hot, you're hot. And when a bridge partnership is hot, their bids and plays are like beautiful music, for they not only are in perfect harmony with each other, but they orchestrate their cards without a conductor to guide them.

Last month at the world championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a number of Israeli pairs hit perfect notes, but the most successful was the partnership of Moshe Katz and Dr. Nissan Rand, of Tel Aviv. The story behind their triumph was told to me by Rand, president of the Israel Bridge Federation.

"We left Israel for America after Succot, on *Hol Hamoed*, and asked our friends to see if they could find us another Jewish pair that would be willing to play with us for Israel in the Senior Teams. Unfortunately, no other eligible players, over 55, were going from Israel, so we needed to pick up teammates at the tournament site.

"When I arrived the day before the event, no team had yet been arranged, but there was a letter for me from Mr. Karl Rohan, a prince from Austria, and a high-ranking official of the World Bridge Federation. He and his Austrian partner were teamed with a pair from the Netherlands, and they were anxious to add a third pair because of the fatigue factor.

"We were hesitant at first to play with them, because our hope had been to make up a team that would represent only Israel. Rohan's idea was a three-way European team, and we decided to accept his invitation."

Katz did not arrive until the first night of play, so Rand-Katz did not touch a card until the second session. Their team had not done so well without them, but when they sat down to play, this changed. They won every match they played, and suddenly the team was in serious contention. After another day of play, the captain, Rohan, decided that his original two partnerships would rotate around the "hot" Israelis. And as they climbed in the standings, this line-up method proved successful.

Finally, in the next-to-last match, they took first place and held it.

On this week's deal from the team event, Katz and Rand were West and East. Rand began with a weak two-heart bid and South jumped to three spades, a strong jump-shift. Katz raised to four hearts, but when North bid four spades and it came around to Katz, he made the winning decision to defend rather than take a sacrifice in five hearts. At the other table, the West player bid five hearts, which was doubled and set two tricks, a good sacrifice only if four spades made at the Israelis' table. But it did not.

Katz led the ace of hearts, his side's bid and raised suit, and Rand played the seven. Katz, normally a fast player, did not turn his card over to the first trick too quickly. He studied that seven of hearts methodically, as if he were Sherlock Holmes examining the footprint of his prime suspect.

Yes, indeed, the seven was Rand's lowest card in the heart suit, which meant that he wanted his partner to switch. Looking at the dummy, there could be only one switch to make and that was clubs. So like a beautiful concerto, Katz placed the deuce of clubs on the table, a suit-preference signal, asking for a diamond return if Rand won the lead. Rand ruffed the deuce of clubs with the deuce of spades and returned the deuce of diamonds. Katz won the ace of diamonds and returned another club for a second ruff, the setting trick.

At the awards banquet, the winners of each event were honored by the waving of their country's flag and playing of their national anthem. Up until now, only one national anthem was played for each winner, because in all the other events first place was captured by players of the same country.

The organizers told Katz-Rand that they would allow only one anthem to be sung, despite three countries represented, and suggested either the Austrian anthem or an all-European musical number. But Rohan used his influence to ensure that all three anthems would be played. And the first one was "Hatikva."

"This was the proudest moment of my life," said Rand. "Not only did we sing Hatikva at the top of our lungs, but all the Israeli players in the audience – and many Americans as well – sang along."

Afterwards, they asked Rand to say a few words to the international audience. He received his biggest ovation when he compared the camaraderie of his teammates to the hope of the future: "If two Israelis can play harmoniously and successfully with two Austrians [after what happened in WWII], someday we will also see Jordanians or Egyptians playing on the same team with Israelis as well. Let's make the game of bridge a real bridge for peace."

You *can* fool Mother Nature

NATURE
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

MOST years the weather follows a somewhat predictable pattern, when everything seems to be right on schedule. The weather cools down as the rain starts to fall and we have a usual winter season.

This year has been atypical, however, as the warm, even hot weather lingered on until mid-October. The meteorologists tell us that such a thing hasn't happened in the past 50 years. Then the rains started and we had a couple of weeks of weather far more appropriate to a tropical zone than to our own.

When this happens the natural order of things appears confused. In the garden and under the eaves the sparrows and doves, lulled by the lingering summer, started new nests, as if the winter wasn't expected any day.

Most of these nests have already been destroyed by the sudden temperature drop and the rest are doomed. They were started much too late in the season to be successful.

It's not only the birds that get all mixed up. Many plants whose seeds lie dormant all winter and sprout only when the warm spring sunshine reaches them, this year sprouted out of season. But since plants get their growth instruction from the length of day as well as the temperature, many of these young plants bolted – that is, they flowered and put out seed before reaching anything resembling their normal size. We will have to wait to see how this will affect the flowers that bloom in the spring.

Mammals seemed less affected by this erratic weather. Most grow their winter coats under the influence of the shortening hours of daylight and not according to the ambient temperatures, so this is not much affected. The organs that control breeding are also photo-sensitive and not under the control of the weather. Thus the mammals will mostly begin breeding at the proper time.

For most this means giving birth in the early spring. For the ruminants such as gazelles and ibex and other vegetarians such as porcupines, field mice and hares this is the time when there is usually plenty of fresh green foliage to eat, which the animal needs to produce milk for her offspring.

For predators – jackals, foxes, wolves, leopards – more foliage means more and better prey and a likelihood of finding the day's meal without too much effort. They too must find adequate nourishment for themselves and their young.

For the insectivores, those little insect-eating animals such as shrews and hedgehogs, the spring means more food as the warming weather brings out more insects, grubs and snails and for the hedgehog more baby mice, its delicacy.

Reptiles enjoyed the unseasonably hot weather the most. These creatures enjoyed a month of added life this year before the "little death" of hibernation claimed them for another winter.

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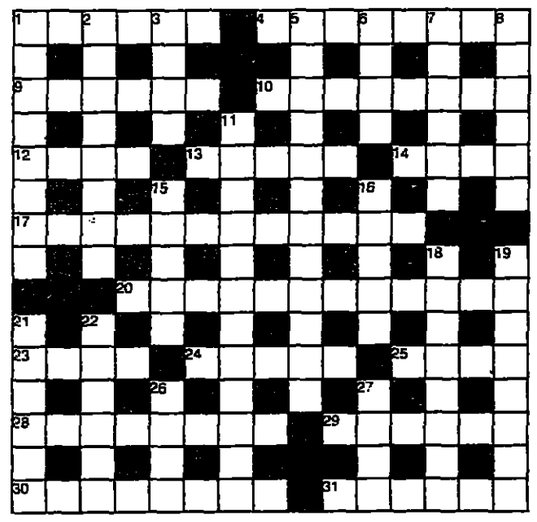
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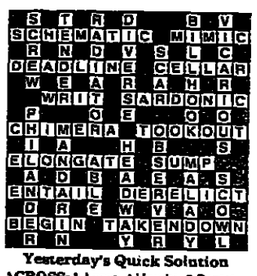
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4 A fool gets support for dissemination of left-wing views (8)
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10 Recovered, by the helicopter rescue team? (6,2)
12 Fellow confronts anger and passion (4)
13 About 2.54 centimetres? Sure thing! (5)
14 A number backed Anglicans in the past (4)
17 Go over to repair the car's doors (5,3,4)
20 No mercy shown to Boaz's wife without a cape (12)
23 Refusal to join American intelligence (4)
24 Skate held in reserve (2,3)
25 "As —— as a painted ship upon a painted ocean" (Coleridge) (4)
28 Changes I mention almost immediately (2,2,4)
29 Look upon a lad endlessly from the belvedere (6)
30 Keeping the score by agreement (8)
31 Coppers rebuked for having blabbed (6)

DOWN

1 An impressive type, with courageous countenance (4-4)
2 It enables him to make a clean sweep (3,5)
3 Always irreverent at heart (4)
5 Acquire money to become socially acceptable (4,8)
6 Steal a roll of film (4)
7 I had to enter the arena at the horse-show (6)
8 Father has the sulks, sweetie (6)
11 Just a male manicurist, but he's indispensable (5-4-3)
15 Children can be a bone of contention (5)
16 Stop top secretary getting employment (5)
18 Exhausted by the sound of a funeral drum (4-4)
19 A body-builder develops a heavenly body (8)
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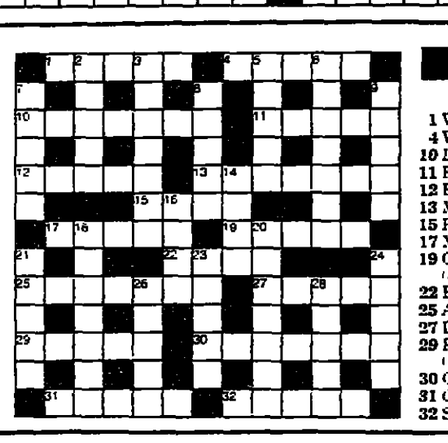
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ACROSS

1 Whinny (5)
4 Wild pigs (5)
10 Liberty (7)
11 Fire-raising (5)
12 Eccentric (5)
13 Moronic (7)
15 Police informer (4)
17 Musical exercise (5)
19 Country bumpkin (5)
22 Portent (4)
25 Assemble (7)
27 Drying cloth (5)
29 Publicity campaign (5)
30 Of the heart (7)
31 Customary (5)
32 Stupidity (5)

DOWN

2 Occurrence (5)
3 Windfall (7)
5 Zairean ruminant (5)
6 Impatient (7)
7 In operation (5)
8 Slander (5)
9 Deduce (5)
14 Inner Hebridean isle (4)
16 Indefinite period (4)
18 Flimsy (7)
20 Central Canadian province (7)
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President Clinton...

THE NIGHTMARE MUST END



On June 11, 1982 three Israeli soldiers were taken captive in the battle of Sultan Yakoub in Syrian controlled Lebanon. One of the captured men, Sgt. Zachary Baumel, is an American citizen.

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